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A Message from the Chairman



For all the members of the Roger Williams University community – alumni, students, parents, staff, and administrators – and our many friends and supporters, this issue of *The Bridge* will be most welcome news. As you will find on the following pages, during the past year, the University has made

great strides and enjoyed success in a number of significant areas.

Under the very capable leadership of our Board of Trustees and President Nirsche, we are building on our strengths, seizing opportunity, and advancing our position as a leading liberal arts university in the region. I invite you to read about our previous year's achievements and share in our excitement about our present activities and plans for the future.

Ralph R. Lapitto
Ralph R. Lapitto
Chairman



Celebrating a Year of Successes



Looking back on the past year, my first year as President of Roger Williams, I'm extremely pleased to report to you that the University made numerous and significant strides. We are stronger now in many areas, establishing a solid foundation for today as well as for the future. I am confident that we are escalating our standing in higher education as a leading liberal arts university in the region.

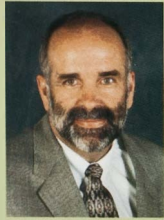
While it's not possible here to share all of our 2001-2002 accomplishments and the exciting, ongoing changes on campus, I would like to highlight some of our most important activities.

Strategic Planning

As a catalyst and springboard to the year's successes, the six-month Strategic Planning process created a blueprint for measured growth and substantive improvement. More than 100 members of the faculty, staff, administration, and dozens of students, alumni, and community leaders had input into the plan, which is mission-driven, specific, and goal-oriented. Some of the plan's elements such as academic excellence, quality enrollment, retention strategies, diversity, and external relations already have been initiated.



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Leadership and scholarly achievement are key criteria at any university. We have improved in those areas. Following an extensive national search, Dr. Edward Kavanagh was appointed provost and senior vice president. He will oversee academic affairs, student affairs, and related areas. Dr. Kavanagh brings to Roger Williams his lengthy and successful experiences at Quinnipiac University where he served in many capacities including dean of graduate and continuing education, head of the Faculty Senate, and associate provost. His acumen will elevate our perspective toward academic excellence and our delivery of majors and courses to meet students' needs.

Additionally, I was pleased to appoint new deans in the School of Engineering, Computing and Construction Management and the Gabelli School of Business – Dr. Robert Potter and Dr. Maling Ebrahimpour, respectively. As a direct result of these appointments, work has begun on developing strategic goals and objectives for both schools. Collaborating with the dean and faculty of the Gabelli School of Business, we should obtain AACSB accreditation by 2005-06. We are committed to this effort.

I initiated the Presidential Faculty Fellowships to recognize and celebrate annually the activities of faculty members inside and outside the classroom. The four recipients' endeavors will further the University's strategic plan. Professor Edgar Adams, serving as the campus planning consultant and liaison, will ably assist our thoughtful and coherent master planning. Dr. Kate Mele will strengthen teaching through writing, which is central to our Core Curriculum and the development of students' outstanding communication skills – both hallmarks of a quality liberal arts education. Dr. Kathleen Micken will continue to expand the efforts of the University Identity Committee through research analysis and marketing strategies to broaden our approach to institutional visibility and reputation. Dr. Richard Audet's proposal will develop academic linkages between various schools and departments, consistent with our emphasis on the liberal arts and the student-centered environment we foster.

This was also a year of record accomplishments by many other individual faculty members. Ten members of the faculty were awarded tenure in May. Twenty-two new faculty members will join the University and the Ralph R. Papitto School of Law this fall.

Growing out of the strategic plan, the University is poised to reinstitute a Faculty Senate. Professor Josh Stein and a dedicated committee have headed up this initiative. The new Senate will consider important academic and strategic issues. Faculty participation was at an all-time high through representing the University at

national conferences, presenting scholarly papers, and pursuing government grant-related activities. In keeping with one of our core values, many of these initiatives involved student research.

A few examples include:

Professor Marcie Marston and student Jennifer Sallee presented their research at the American Society for Microbiology in Orlando, Fla.; Professor Stephen O'Shea was joined by students Trudy Beard and Kimberly Segnit at the American Chemical Society meeting in San Diego; student Pam Bannock presented her summer research efforts at the American Society of Limnology and Oceanography annual meeting in Hawaii; Leigh Smith and Professor Kerri Warren presented findings at the fifth Conference on Zebrafish Development and Genetics held in Madison, Wis. Accounting Professor Richard Bernardi accompanied six business students who presented at the Applied Business Research Conference in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. Under the leadership of Jeffrey Staats, students from Architecture, Art and Historic Preservation participated in the restoration of Cardines Field in Newport.

It is especially gratifying for me to note the increased cooperation and collaboration between all academic areas. A \$1.5 million grant, obtained with the support of U.S. Senator Jack Reed, has enabled Assistant Professor Amy Tomas from the Gabelli School of Business and marine biology's Associate Professor Tim Scott to investigate the development of a Marine Technology Center at Roger Williams. A new degree, a joint M.S. in Criminal Justice/J.D. degree, signals collaboration between the School of Justice Studies and the Ralph R. Papitto School of Law. Assistant Professor Rothschild in sociology and architecture Professor Pavlides team-taught a course. These are just a sampling of the renewed teamwork that exists on campus.

Our first-class management team adds to, and implements, the vision of the strategic plan for the University. Jim Noonan, our new vice president and chief financial officer, has already impacted positively on our planning and budgeting processes. Others who have brought their experience and dedication to Roger Williams include Jeff Gillooly, executive assistant to the President, and George Kolb, athletic director. Other key administrative additions are Maria Elena Wah-Fitta as our first associate dean for diversity and Tom Schumpert, former head of the Rhode Island Economic Development Corporation, as executive director of our Providence Metro Center and community outreach. Robbin Beauchamp, former associate director of career services at Stonehill College, became our director of career services – a role which will impact positively on our students and their future success.



The University enjoyed an extraordinary recruitment year for new students. We received a record number of more than 5,000 applications. Our goal was to reduce freshmen enrollment while improving academic quality; therefore, I am pleased we enrolled a class of under 1,100 this fall, representing a 14% reduction from last year's incoming class. We also achieved a 7% improvement in our acceptance rate. Academic quality showed incremental improvement as measured by class rank and SAT scores of our accepted students.

At the School of Law, we had nearly 1,300 applicants – up 23% over last year. The class boasts stronger LSAT scores and undergraduate credentials than any previous class.

Coupled with improvements in retention, the University has a student body this fall of approximately 3,200 full-time undergraduates, 700 law and graduate students, and numerous part-time learners.

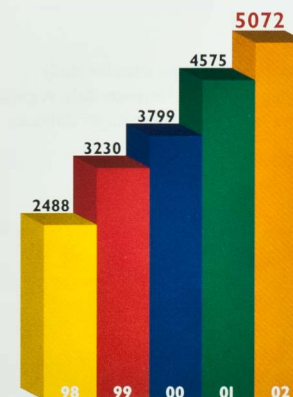
Under the capable administrative leadership of Vice President for Enrollment Management and Retention Lynn Fawthrop, not only did student admissions see improvements, but financial aid, the

registrar's office, and student retention did as well. As a University, we are dedicated to providing the best student services possible. With the involvement of every faculty and staff member, we're making great strides in this important task.

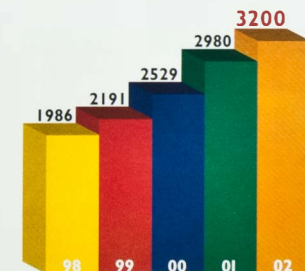


I am committed to making Roger Williams a more global and diverse campus, and our first two women students from Afghanistan arrived this fall. This comprehensive undertaking was largely due to the efforts of Paula Nirschel. In addition, the work of Dr. Nancy Centers and Lisa Cramer has led to the creation of our first-ever summer language institute, involving dozens of students from Asia and elsewhere.

Total Undergraduate Applications



Total Undergraduate Enrollment



The Roger Williams University Initiative to Educate Afghan Women is the first of its kind in the United States. Other colleges around the country participated due to the University's outreach.



The School of Law has again offered the summer law program in Lisbon under the stewardship of Professor David Rice, and we are entering our fourth year with an expanded student-exchange program with the Azores and Cape Verde Islands. Our enrollment staff has begun exploring mutually beneficial relationships with institutions in Asia to expand the University's presence there. Finally, we look forward to strengthening our program in Florence and creating other global study and learning opportunities.

Closer to home, with the hiring of our associate dean for diversity, we look to expand our successful Bridge to Success program which, now in its eighth year, partners our minority students with similar students at Rogers High School in Newport. We continue to seek other such partnerships throughout the region.

For these efforts, aided by the assistance of many, I was deeply honored to be recognized by the Office of Multicultural Affairs with the Dr. Karen A. Haskell Award for Multicultural Initiatives for commitment to making the University a more global and diverse community. As we move forward toward greater cultural diversity, the learning of every Roger Williams student will be enhanced.

Philanthropy

Bricks and mortar, new programs, modern technology and virtually all needs of a forward-thinking university rely on funding. I am proud to announce that Roger Williams enjoyed the best

fundraising year in its history. More than \$3 million was raised through the generosity of alumni, parents, trustees, corporations, foundations, and friends. This total represents a 230% increase over the previous year.

While all gifts matter, I am especially gratified by the successful faculty-staff annual giving campaign, which resulted in a 50% upswing. Also, we saw many first-time gifts from individuals, foundations, and corporations, showing new interest in our initiatives.

We also received more than \$5 million in new multi-year commitments to our capital campaign. The campaign, which will be launched publicly October 19 during alumni and family weekend, is a \$30 million effort to fund student-centered facilities on campus, increase scholarship support, develop new technology, and support faculty. One of our first new major gifts allowed for the creation of the O. Ahlberg & Sons Professorship in Construction Management, now held by Professor Fred Gould. A gift from the Champlin Foundations created a cutting edge, 29-workstation wireless information access and user instruction facility in the library. Gantaueme & McMullen and Barnes and Noble have both funded distinguished lecture series. Sodexo Corporation and the William T. Morris Foundation also generously supported the University. These are only a few philanthropic examples that are positively impacting Roger Williams.

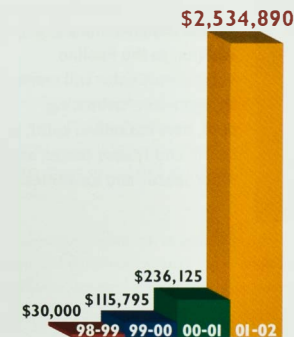


The Bridge to Success program couples Roger Williams student mentors with minority students from Rogers High School in Newport, R.I.

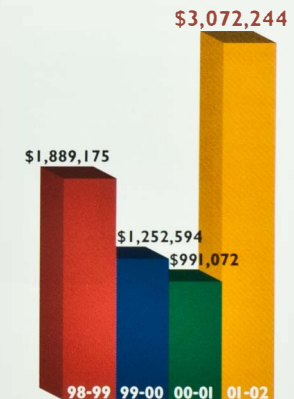
One of several worldwide sites for study abroad opportunities is Florence, Italy. A global perspective is a core value at Roger Williams.



Government Grants



Total Cash Received





An on-campus trading room at the Gabelli School of Business will soon provide our students with the "Wall Street" experience.



A state-of-the-art computer lab in the Main Library, courtesy of Champlin Foundations' support, puts student work at the cutting edge.



Refurbishments and an addition to the Paolino Recreation Center will create an eight-lane swimming pool, new basketball court, a health and fitness center, and other spaces and amenities.

Government Relations

Through the collaborative efforts of deans, faculty, and administrators and with the assistance of many individuals such as Development's Margaret Church, we celebrated a banner year for government support. We received more than \$2.5 million in government funding for various projects.

We continue to enjoy and appreciate outstanding relations with our Congressional delegation. Through the diligent efforts of Congressman Patrick Kennedy, we received \$1 million to establish a Justice Research Training Institute. Bob McKenna, assistant dean for the School of Justice Studies, will be assuming the directorship of the center this year. My thanks and that of the University community also go to Senator Jack Reed. Through his friendship and support, the School of Education realized \$850,000 to establish the Institute for Teaching and Learning designed to support curriculum, pedagogy, and teacher training in Rhode Island.

Marine Biology received significant support of several initiatives thanks largely to the leadership of Associate Professor Tim Scott. The University was chosen to manage a \$1.5 million grant through the Reed Aquaculture Initiative and our partnership with the URI, Rhode Island Sea Grant and the office of Rhode Island Coastal Resources Management Council. Other Roger Williams schools and programs also gained support for their efforts from federal and state funding sources.

Capital Projects

The University began a number of exciting and strategic projects to improve the student experience on campus.

Ground was broken and construction begun on a 74,000 square foot recreation center. When completed in summer 2003, the facility will house a new eight-lane pool, gymnasium, state-of-the-art workout area, and spaces for dance, aerobics, and fitness. In addition, we will be renovating the existing Paolino Center for expanded student activities, student offices, and a commuter lounge.

Thanks to a generous grant from Sodexo, our dining services provider, the University undertook major renovations and the development of new approaches to food on campus. These improvements include a coffee bar, Freshen's yogurt stand, healthy bites to go, a pizzeria, pasta bar, as well as international and vegetarian food kiosks.

Residence halls underwent renovation as well. Along with these changes, the alumni and development staff has relocated to the Mr. Hope Bridge House, across the street from the campus.



Senator Jack Reed and president Nirschele share cookies with elementary school children at the announcement event for the Institute for Teaching and Learning.

A high-tech classroom is being designed for the School of Business along with enhancements to labs on campus and spaces at the Providence Metro Center.

We also created more than 450 additional parking spaces at the northern part of campus to relieve congestion and to provide adequate parking for students, faculty, and staff.

The next steps for the Campus Master Planning Committee will be to recommend plans for the relocation of facilities management, a new academic building on campus, additional housing and parking, expansion of the existing student union, and a new and improved campus entrance while maintaining and enhancing campus aesthetics. We are engaging students from the School of Architecture, Art and Historic Preservation and the School of Engineering, Computing and Construction Management, as well as faculty, in helping with many elements of this planning process. In fact, two construction management students, Nicholas Winn and Jason Catalano, are serving as project management assistants on the Recreation Center, and a student competition this fall will help design the entrance to the building.



Visibility

The University, through the efforts of the Department of Public Affairs, increased its positive visibility in the media by 40% over the previous year. More than 2,100 press clippings in local, regional, and national newspapers were generated. The year also witnessed an increase in television and radio coverage. Roger Williams benefited from publicity in such media outlets as The New York Times, USA Today, The Providence Journal, "NBC Nightly News," "MSNBC," and "The Today Show" – to name a few. Through the University Identity Committee, an extension of the Strategic Planning process, work began toward a long-term campaign to identify and refine the University's central messages and graphic design appearance.

Into the Future

This fall, it was my privilege to welcome many new faces to campus, including the class of 2006/2007, and new faculty and staff. We also look forward to the creation of a Socrates Café – a gathering place for intellectual inquiry and relaxation. The University will again host distinguished guest speakers. On pages 47-49 you'll find details about our first-ever Alumni and Family Weekend coming in October. There'll be discussion of the summer reading group that has enjoyed "Straight Man" by Richard Russo. Also, as noted previously, we will hold the kick-off of our \$30 million capital campaign and provide a host of other student, athletic, academic, and cultural activities.

In Summary

The past year has been very gratifying for my family and me. We have been welcomed here and thoroughly enjoyed the camaraderie and enthusiasm of the Roger Williams University community. That collegiality makes the exceptionally good news from 2001-2002 that I've reported all that much more rewarding.

As President, I am fortunate to have a supportive and involved Board of Trustees, led by Chairman Papitto. The Board itself has grown in recent years in stature and involvement through the creation of strong committees in finance, academic affairs, and tenure, and a continued commitment to excellence at Roger Williams University.

For me, this has been an exciting and dynamic year, and I look forward to working with each of you in writing the next chapter in the life of Roger Williams University. I extend my thanks and appreciation to everyone who helped make this an outstanding year in the life of our University.

Sincerely,

Roy J. Marschel, Ph.D.
Roy J. Marschel, Ph.D.
President



James C. Noonan, Vice President of Finance and Chief Financial Officer

Despite the fluctuations of the market and national economy, the University enjoyed a positive budget year in 2001-02. Although there was a market downside, we exceeded all budget projections. Especially gratifying has been the profitable growth in conference business under the guidance of Philip Smith and the Center for Professional Development led by Lou Melim. Their efforts accounted for \$3.1 million in revenue, representing more than a 28% increase over last year.

Financial Summary

In 2000-2001, Roger Williams University again had a productive financial year. The University continued operating within a balanced budget, which enhanced both its financial and academic strength.

The University is aware that the cost of tuition for many families is rising beyond their capacity to pay; the University recognizes the need and provides in excess of \$16 million of University funds to help defer the cost of an education. We continue our efforts to become more productive and to seek outside sources of revenue in order to keep the cost of tuition as low as possible.

Maintaining a balanced budget is a very difficult task. However, the strong support of both faculty and staff and the increasing support of alumni, parents, and friends represents a significant contribution that helps the University obtain and maintain the excellence of our academic programs.

The accompanying report highlights our financial performance for the 2000-2001 academic year. It should be noted that the University has an investment portfolio of \$42 million, which provided \$5.4 million in support of the University last year.

Roger Williams University Highlights of Financial Operations Year ended June 30, 2001

Revenues:

Tuition and Fees	\$59,159,000
Contracts and Grants	837,000
Investment Income and Gains	5,380,000
Contributions and Other Income	6,411,000
Auxiliary Enterprises	18,664,000
Total Revenues*	\$90,451,000

Expenditures:

Instruction	\$33,942,000
Academic Support	3,386,000
Student Services	8,635,000
Institutional Support	10,855,000
Student Aid	16,864,000
Auxiliary Expenses	14,025,000
Total Expenditures	\$87,707,000
Capital Projects	\$3,805,000

* Exclusive of non-operating losses.

Roger Williams University Allocation of Revenues and Expenditures Year ended June 30, 2001

Revenues†

Tuition and Fees	65.4%
Federal Grants	0.9%
Auxiliary Enterprises	20.6%
Contributions and Other Income	7.1%
Investment	5.9%

Expenditures†

Instruction and Academic Support	42.6%
Student Services	9.8%
Student Aid	19.2%
Institutional Support	12.4%
Auxiliary Enterprises	16.0%

† Totals may not equal 100% due to rounding.

REPORT ON GIVING 2001-2002

Reflects gifts of \$100 or more received during fiscal year July 1, 2000, ending June 30, 2001



A new degree, a joint M.S. in Criminal Justice/J.D. degree, signals collaboration between the School of Justice Studies and the Ralph R. Papitto School of Law.

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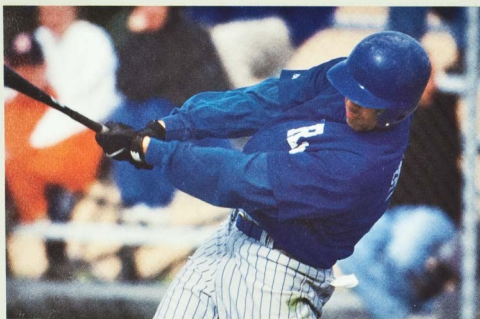
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Roger Williams Celebrates Women's "Herstory" Month



Over 70 "Outstanding Women On Campus" were recognized at a special ceremony on Tuesday, March 26. Faculty, staff, and students were nominated by their peers, and all were recognized for their contributions to the University community and the advancement of women.

Throughout March, Roger Williams celebrated Women's History Month. Led by Jennifer Stanley, the director of the University's Women's Center, numerous events to honor women – including discussion groups, lectures and charity events – were held.

Among the many events were two discussion groups sponsored by the Multicultural Center. The first was part of the Intercultural Discussion Series held March 7, which addressed "Body Image/Love Your Body" and was led by counselors from the Counseling Center. The second was a book discussion on March 19 titled "Girl Power Day." The book *Kiss My Tare* was the topic, and a reception to honor women in everyday life followed.

"The Breakfast Club: Conversations with Wonderful Women," is a monthly lecture/discussion group hosted by the Women's Center. Mrs. Paula Nirschel, wife of the president of Roger Williams University, was the featured speaker for the special Women's History Month meeting on March 22. The informal setting allowed students to talk intimately with Mrs. Nirschel about her role and what it means to be the First Lady.

The entire University was invited on March 23 to help initiate the campus chapter of the Rhode Island Silent Witness Program. The Silent Witness Program is a traveling memorial exhibit honoring

women in each state who were murdered in acts of domestic violence. Students constructed and painted six of the "Silent Witnesses." Each life-sized, red figure represented a Rhode Island woman whose life ended violently at the hands of a husband, ex-husband, partner, or acquaintance. To unveil the exhibit, a peaceful march of solidarity and candlelight vigil were held on April 9 to create awareness about violence against women and empower victims of violence to "take back the night."

The Women's Center also assisted with a local benefit presentation of Eve Ensler's "The Vagina Monologues." The special performance was held at the Jane Pickens Theatre in Newport on March 24 with the proceeds benefiting women's charities.



Global Advocate for Persecuted Jews Talks to Students

The University community had the opportunity to meet an amazing woman. Sponsored by the Jewish student organization, Hillel, Dr. Ruth Gruber came to Roger Williams on March 20 to share her fascinating story, which had recently been made into a CBS mini-series.

Trained as a journalist, Gruber worked for the Secretary of the Interior for the United States during WWII. At the height of the conflict, she was selected to secretly escort 1,000 Jewish refugees out of Europe and bring them safely to America, where she helped them acquire U.S. citizenship. The dangerous mission led to her future career as an advocate for persecuted Jewish populations around the globe. Gruber also was the only reporter allowed to fully cover the story of the 4,500 Jewish refugees on the ship *Exodus* who attempted to run the British blockade of Palestine following the war. British warships attacked the passenger boat. The people were detained in deplorable conditions on prison ships for weeks before they were sent back to Germany.

Syndicated Columnist Steals the Show at Lecture

The student organization, College Republicans, hosted one of the most successful lectures of the 2001-2002 academic year. The group welcomed Ann Coulter, the well-known, syndicated columnist, lawyer, and television personality on Tuesday, March 26, for a lecture and debate on feminism. Students, faculty, and the public packed the lecture hall forcing many to sit on the floor or listen from the hallway.

Coulter is a regular guest on popular political talk shows such as "Crossfire," "Larry King Live," and "Politically Incorrect." She is the author of *The New York Times* bestseller, *High Crimes and Misdemeanors: The Case Against Bill Clinton*, and writes on legal and political issues for Human Events and Universal Press Syndicate.

The quick-tongued republican was expected to refute feminist rhetoric and then open the floor for debate. Coulter spoke for about 45 minutes, tearing down the group of "liberal democratic" women known as "soccer moms." She then invited questions, and the debate quickly became one-sided. The well-intentioned audience was no match for the seasoned professional who defends her beliefs regularly against top democrats on national television. It was a learning experience and an entertaining lecture for all who attended.

University Participates in National "Take Your Daughter To Work Day"



Roger Williams University participated for the first time in the national "Take Your Daughters To Work Day" on Thursday, April 25. University President Roy J. Nirschel, Ph.D., invited faculty and staff members to bring their daughters, between the ages of 9 and 15, to work. The girls shadowed their parents to learn more about jobs and careers and participated in various events. The Human Resources Department coordinated the successful event, with Dawn Occhi, director, at the lead with her committee representing a vast array of volunteers drawn from departments and schools across campus.

President and Mrs. Paula Nirschel welcomed the girls to a continental breakfast in The Other Place at the Student Union and provided a lunch in the Library Board Room. During breakfast, Mrs. Nirschel gave the welcome address, talking to the girls about how she balances her multiple roles and responsibilities as a busy, modern woman of today. She explained juggling the demands of her own family with those of her adopted "second family" – consisting of people at the university – and those of the wife and partner of a university president.

Vice President for Enrollment Management and Retention Lynn M. Fawthrop, who discussed how important it is to develop certain attributes and job skills in order to succeed in a career and in life, delivered the morning keynote address. She used her own career path as an example, giving tips along the way.

The girls followed their parent/guardian during the morning and in the afternoon participating in:

- hands-on workshops such as engineering activities involving computer graphically designing a bridge capable of supporting the weight of a heavy-duty truck;
- presentations such as a discussion in a school of law courtroom with the dean;
- roundtable discussions with university professionals from admissions, public affairs, and the School of Law;
- and, lastly, tours of various campus facilities such as the School of Architecture, Art and Historic Preservation, the English Language Institute, and a dining services facility tour.

At the end of the day, each girl was given a memento, a Roger Williams journal, presented at a workshop on journaling where the girls were given time to write about their day's experiences.

Feinstein College of Arts and Sciences

DANCE THEATRE PRESENTS NATIONALLY FUNDED WORKS

As part of the "In Concert" performances, which were held from Thursday, April 11, through Saturday, April 13, The Dance Theatre presented two works that were the

result of a National College Choreography Initiative grant the University was awarded in collaboration with Brown University, Providence College and Rhode Island College. The grant allowed students and faculty to work with Danny Buraczewski, choreographer and director of JAZZDANCE in Minneapolis, Minn. He is considered one of America's leading jazz choreographers. This unique collaborative project was selected for documentation by the National Endowment for the Arts and Dance. Both works that resulted from the grant, Jack Cole's "Happy Endings Every Time" and Buraczewski's "Repertory Etudes" were included in the concert. One evening's performance featured the original cast from the four colleges included in the grant.

CHEMISTRY PROGRAM RECEIVES NATIONAL ACCREDITATION

The Department of Chemistry has received an accreditation from the American Chemical Society (ACS). The approval was announced at a national meeting of the society held in Florida this past semester.

The ACS develops and administers guidelines that define high-quality undergraduate and graduate degree programs, preparing students for employment and graduate school in chemistry and related fields. This accreditation will benefit the University and its students, testifying that Roger Williams has the highest quality chemistry programs available. Graduating students will have a valuable personal credential that is nationally recognized. The programs will be re-evaluated every five years as is standard with ACS accredited programs.

HOMELESSNESS FORUM

On Wednesday, April 3, the Feinstein College of Arts and Sciences and the Office of Academic Affairs sponsored a forum for students to meet with community professionals to discuss the impact of homelessness on the family. Professors Kim M. Baker, Nancy Nester, Teal Rothschild, and Jessica Skolnikoff conducted the forum with their students in "Critical Writing" and "Perspectives in Human Behavior" courses.



NATIONAL POW WOW COMES TO CAMPUS. ROGER WILLIAMS RAISES FUNDS TO SEND NATIVE AMERICANS TO COLLEGE.... This past April, the University was host to the Pokanoke Wampanoag Federation's "Gathering The Spirit Pow Wow." The historic event was the first time in over 200 years that Wampanoags from all over the world had the chance to return to their homeland in Bristol, R.I. The event was held at one of their original settlements located along the University's northern campus grounds bordering Mt. Hope Bay. Co-sponsored by the offices of multicultural affairs, spiritual life and the dean of students, the event drew thousands of spectators, with hundreds of dancers dressed in their colorful native tribe's regalia and ceremonial drums from all over the U.S., Canada, and Mexico. Numerous Roger Williams students volunteered to assist at the event, as well other staff, especially Associate Dean of Student Affairs Allison Chase Padula, who was one of the coordinators.

All proceeds from the two-day Pow Wow went to the federation's college scholarships for Native Americans. Funds also were collected during one of the dances to establish a commission to create a statue of Chief Metacomb - a famous former Wampanoag chief. Native American Bill Perry, a renowned national artist who has a studio and residence in Rhode Island, will carve the statue out of wood and place it in the Roger Williams University Library next year upon completion.

Pokanoke Wampanoag Federation Chief Linda Elderkin-Deguan of Warwick, R.I., surprised Roger Williams by presenting a token of appreciation to University representative Dean of Student Affairs Richard Stegman for hosting and assisting with the event. She revealed a small, leather drumming bag that held three sacred gifts of utmost significance to Native Americans.

Community organizations represented at the forum included Travelers Aid Society, Advent House, Project Green Smoke, and R.I. Coalition for the Homeless. Students Jamie Dubé of Rochester, N.H., and Danielle Sparks of Peabody, Mass., researched myths and realities of homelessness and prepared posters that were displayed in the forum room.

A similar forum is held each semester to introduce students to the issue of homelessness in R.I. and to afford them an opportunity to interact with community professionals in an intimate setting.

School of Education

EDUCATION PROGRAM SCORES HIGH MARKS

As mandated under Title II of the Higher Education Act, the State Department of Education is required to compile a report card for the eight institutions of higher education in Rhode Island with educational preparation programs and submit it to the U.S. Office of Education annually. Part of this report card is based on the performance of the 2000-2001 graduates from the various institutions on the National Teachers Exam or the Principles of Learning and

Teaching Test. Roger Williams scored very well this year, achieving a 92% pass rate, which is above the state-wide average of 90%.

School of Engineering, Computing and Construction Management

STUDENTS PLACE THIRD IN COMPETITION

Twelve construction management students participated in the Associated Schools of Construction (ASM) Northeast Regional Construction Management Competition. The Heavy Highway team placed third in their division amidst a field of universities from around the Northeast.

The three-day event was conducted in Fairfield, N.J. Roger Williams fielded two teams: the Heavy Highway team and the Commercial Building team. Each team was assigned a problem that required extensive planning. After months of preparation for the competition, the students only had two days to formulate a solution to the problem before it was presented to a panel of industry professionals.

The Heavy Highway team consisted of Dan Biggs (team leader) of Troy, N.Y.; Laura Guastaferrro of Lawrence, Mass.; Brad Fries of Bristol, R.I.; Nick Street of Belmont, Mass.; Adam Vosh of Queensbury, N.Y.; and Josh Deming of Fitchburg, Mass.

The Commercial Building team constructed a solution that was well received and praised by the professional evaluators. Team members included James LaBrie (team leader) of Biddeford, Maine; Deb Jordan of Brooklyn, N.Y.; Bob Knight of Mattapoisett, Mass.; Jay Catalano of Cumberland, R.I.; and Jon Todzia of Higganum, Conn.

ANNUAL CONCRETE CANOE COMPETITION HELD

Four senior engineering students recently competed in the American Society for Civil Engineers (ASCE) Annual Collegiate Concrete Canoe Competition. A total of ten teams participated in the two-day competition held at the University of Maine, Orono.

The Roger Williams team consisted of Joseph Bambara of Sparta, N.J.; Alexander



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Office of Undergraduate Admission
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Dear Alumni,

During past years, many of you – alumni of Roger Williams University – have provided a valuable service by referring prospective students to us. I encourage you to sponsor students in the coming year, as these referrals typically comprise a noteworthy percentage of our annual applications. In this way, through your affiliation to Roger Williams, you can serve as an ambassador for the University. I wish to thank you if you have done so in the past or, in advance, if you choose to make referrals for the first time this year.

As a gesture to you and the students you recommend, I'm pleased to inform you that, once again, our Office of Undergraduate Admission will waive the \$50 application fee. Sponsorship Voucher forms are printed below for your use. To request an application form via e-mail, please visit our website at www.rwu.edu or call (401) 254-3500. We will mail an application packet to you. Then simply attach the completed voucher to the application when you return it.

It's wonderful that so many of you feel a strong, ongoing commitment to Roger Williams University. You have my appreciation for being a member of our extended family and, through your sponsorships, helping us grow our campus community.

Cordially,

Lynn M. Fawthrop
Lynn Fawthrop

Vice President for Enrollment Management and Retention

ROGER WILLIAMS UNIVERSITY SPONSORSHIP VOUCHER

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Comments
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Name of High School _____

Current SAT/ACT score _____

Signature of Sponsor _____

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Condil of Wayland, Mass.; Laura Guastafarro of Lawrence, Mass.; and Suzanne King of Norwood, Mass. Assisted by their faculty advisor, Robert O'Neil, associate professor of engineering, they had selected the Concrete Canoe as their senior design project.

In addition to designing, constructing, and racing the canoe, the competition also included project management and budgeting components. Each team was required to submit a written report and make a presentation in front of a panel of judges at the event.

Roger Williams was one of only four teams to successfully finish the first four races of the competition. However, once all four members were in the canoe for the final 500-meter race, the boat submerged only 50 meters away from the finish.

School of Justice Studies

FACULTY SPEAK AT REGIONAL CONFERENCE

The Ralph R. Papitto School of Law was the setting for the four-day Northeast Association of Criminal Justice Science (NEACJS) Annual Meeting, which was held this past June. The four-day conference opened with the Second Annual Jack Haven Williams Memorial Lecture featuring Brian Kingshott of Grand Valley State University and retired

inspector of the Devon and Cornwall Constabulary in England. Kingshott spoke on "Terrorism: The New Religious War." Numerous faculty members and alumni of the School of Justice Studies had the opportunity to speak and present throughout the conference.

The NEACJS supports the professional activities of criminal justice scholars and practitioners in the Northeastern United States and Eastern Canada and is the regional affiliate of the Academy of Criminal Justice Science.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROGRAM PARTICIPATES IN LAUNCH OF "A CHILD IS MISSING PROGRAM"

School of Justice Studies Dean Anthony M. Pesare and Assistant Dean Robert W. McKenna were on hand at the February 27 press event launching the "A Child Is Missing Program" in Rhode Island at the State House.

"A Child Is Missing" is a program that assists law enforcement officials in the search and recovery of missing children, the elderly, and the disabled. The program calls the residents of the area where a missing child was last seen and asks them to help look for the child in their neighborhood. The Rhode Island Police Chiefs Association approved the program for the state, and it began on February 27. The School of Justice Studies hosted an inaugural training

program for Rhode Island police officers on February 28, 2002, at the Portsmouth Residence and Conference Center.

Rhode Island is the first state outside of Florida that will implement this program. A Child Is Missing is a non-profit organization that has been serving Florida for five years and has many success stories.

LAW DAY 2002

The School of Justice Studies hosted its annual Law Day on May 1, 2002. Organized by Assistant Professor Lisa Newcity, J.D., this year's theme was "Assuring Equal Justice For All." Events were planned throughout the day, including a keynote address by the Honorable Richard J. Israel, associate justice of the Rhode Island Supreme Court, a panel discussion with area professionals entitled "Improving Equal Access to Justice," the presentation of distinguished service and student awards, and a raffle and giveaways for students.

Former Rhode Island Supreme Court Justice Donald Shea was presented with a Distinguished Service to Paralegal Studies Education Award. Associate Professor Thomas E. "Tucker" Wright received a Distinguished Service to Paralegal Studies Education Award, and Professor Louis J. Procaccini received a Distinguished Service to Criminal Justice Education Award.

University Colleges

ADVISORY BOARD ANNOUNCES DESIGNATION OF SCHOLARSHIPS

The Advisory Board for the University Colleges has chosen to honor Aram Garabedian, Mary Dionisopolous, and Lloyd E. Bliss with scholarships in their name. The Advisory Board's scholarship program is gift-supported, and several scholarships are given each year at the board's discretion.

The board has chosen to honor Garabedian, president of Bliss Properties and a member of the Advisory Board, for his initiation of the scholarship fund in 1991 and his leadership for the past ten years. In addition, to honor the public servants who gave their lives on September 11, the scholarship will be designated as the Garabedian Public Service Scholarship when a student from a



"TEHRAN AND ALL THAT" was the topic of a School of Architecture, Art and Historic Preservation lecture during April by guest historian Minu Marefat shown above on left with Alberto Balestieri, assistant dean of architecture and Gail Fenske, professor of architecture.



14th ANNUAL SERVICE AWARDS DAY: Roger Williams University and the Ralph R. Papitto School of Law recognized 68 employees in appreciation for their years of outstanding service at a ceremony this past May. Congratulations to all employees, especially to this year's retirees, who were: Martha Christina, Margery Cousins, Tony Iannucci, Americo Mallozzi, and Robert McRoberts.

public service profession (e.g., law enforcement, firefighters, government employees) is granted a scholarship.

Garabedian recently donated \$10,000 towards the scholarship fund in honor of his sister, Mary Dionisopolous, the administrative assistant for the Open College, and his father-in-law, Lloyd E. Bliss, a former member of Roger Williams University Board of Trustees. Two additional scholarships will be given in their names.

CHAPTER OF ADULT STUDENT HONOR SOCIETY ESTABLISHED

The University Colleges inducted its first group of members to Alpha Sigma Lambda, a national adult student honor society, during the 2001-2002 academic year. With about 50 students qualifying, an induction ceremony and celebration was held this past spring.

Alpha Sigma Lambda was founded in 1945 to recognize adult students in continuing education who achieve academic excellence while managing responsibilities to family, work, and community. The new inductees of the Roger Williams chapter, Rho Alpha, will have earned at least 24 credits at the University in an undergraduate degree program, have a GPA of at least a 3.2, and be in the top 10% of their class.

Department of Student Life

PEERS ATTEND REGIONAL CONFERENCE/HISLOP RECEIVES AWARD

On Sunday, April 7, the Peer Educators with Expertise in Referrals Program (PEERs) including: Meaghan Hislop of South Orange, N.J.; Lisa Gaecle of Dumont, N.J.; Katie Regan, of West Roxbury, Mass.; Christina Vendetti of New City, N.Y.; Rachel Foglia of

Shelton, Conn.; Jessica Fischer of Bayshore, N.Y.; and Kelly McGrath of Canton, Conn., attended and were presenters at the Northeast Area Bacchus Gamma Peer Education Network Area 10 Spring Conference, which was held at the Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts in North Adams, Mass.

Also, Hislop was presented with the Outstanding Peer Educator Award from Bacchus Gamma for this region. A junior biology major, she has played a strong leadership role for the two years she has been a PEER.

REGIONAL COLLEGE BOWL COMPETITION

Roger Williams placed ninth the Regional College Bowl competition held last month at Boston University. The students representing Roger Williams also received the award for Best Team Spirit as voted by competitors from other institutions at the tournament. The team members were selected to represent the University after they won the campus-wide College Bowl Competition. Students across campus put teams together based on their residence halls as part of the Department of Student Life's Superstars Competition.

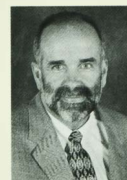
Among those who made up the Roger Williams team were: sophomore Sean Colley of Danbury, Conn.; freshman Andrew Ostrander of Prospect, Conn.; freshman Mathew Freed of Framingham, Mass.; and freshman Michael Karwin of Canton, Mass.



NEW AND IMPROVED RECREATION CENTER AND STUDENT UNION FACILITIES UNDERWAY. Construction is well underway on the addition to the Paulino Recreation Center. As summer draws to a close, the site preparation has been completed, foundations are being poured and construction on the lobby that will connect the existing building with the new one has begun. Also, the remodeling of the Student Union has wrapped up and now provides our students with refurbished dining areas, snack bar and a new coffee bar. New menus and food stations are also part of the improvements.



ACADEMIC AFFAIRS



Edward J. Kavanagh, Ph.D., has been appointed the first provost at Roger Williams University. As the chief academic officer for the University, Dr. Kavanagh will be responsible for the viability, quality, and reputation of the institution's academic programs. Kavanagh assumed his new position on July 1, 2002. He came to Roger Williams from Quinnipiac University in Hamden, Conn., where he served as associate vice president for academic affairs.

Kavanagh's background and teaching experience is in the natural sciences, receiving his bachelor's degree in biology from Marist College and his Ph.D. in Zoology from the University of New Hampshire. He conducted his Post-Doctoral Fellowship at the Public Health Research Institute in New York City and obtained a certificate from the Institute for Management & Leadership in Education at Harvard University.

ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT



Lynn M. Fawthrop has been promoted to the position of vice president of enrollment management and retention. In her new position, she will focus more closely on improving the University's retention rate and will maintain the responsibilities of overseeing all aspects of the offices of admissions, financial aid and the registrar. Fawthrop has been with the University for 14 years, most recently as dean of enrollment management.

METROPOLITAN CENTER



Roger Williams University has named Tom Schumpert as executive director, Metropolitan Center and community outreach. Schumpert assumed the new position on August 26, 2002, and is responsible for the overall administration and advancement of the University's Metro Center in downtown Providence. He will work to develop and implement the University's strategic plan to expand the University's corporate and community relations.

Schumpert comes to Roger Williams directly from the Rhode Island Economic Development Corporation where he was the executive director, a position to which Governor Lincoln Almond appointed him in 2000. With over 25 years of banking experience, Schumpert has held senior positions with several regional banks. He also served as the director of the Rhode Island Department of Business Regulation.

A native of Tupelo, Miss., Schumpert served in the U.S. Air Force for eight years and is a veteran of the Vietnam War. He then attended Rutgers University in New Jersey where he received his business management degree.

OFFICE OF DEVELOPMENT

President Nirschel recently announced the appointment of Shawn Buckless as the new executive director of development and alumni relations. Buckless began overseeing the University's advancement on September 2.

"Shawn is a highly respected development professional with particular expertise in the areas of major individual giving and planned and deferred gifts. He joins the university as we celebrate our best year ever for private giving and federal support," President Nirschel said.

Buckless comes to Roger Williams from Bryant College where he served as director of leadership gifts and planned giving

since 1999. Previously, he had held the position of associate director of planned giving at Brown University since 1992. He is a graduate of Providence College.

OFFICE OF ALUMNI RELATIONS



Robin Erickson was recently promoted to acting director of alumni relations. Erickson has held the position of assistant director of alumni relations since joining the University in January of 2000.

Prior to coming to the University, she worked as the executive assistant to Rhode Island philanthropist Alan Shawn Feinstein, handling all aspects of his public relations, as well as representing him at schools and other public events. Erickson is a graduate of Providence College, majoring in sociology and English, and is a member of the distinguished Friars Club.

OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES



Robbin Beauchamp was named director of career services and assumed her new post on June 3, 2002. Beauchamp will work to restructure the career services office to better meet the needs of undergraduate and graduate students.

Beauchamp comes to Roger Williams from Stonehill College in Easton, Mass., where she held the position of associate director of career services. At Stonehill, she managed all student recruiting and employer outreach efforts.

After receiving her bachelor's degree in mass communications from Emerson College in 1984, Beauchamp returned to school and completed a master's science degree in administration from Boston University in 2001.

OFFICE OF STUDENT AFFAIRS



Maria Elena Wah-Fitta has been named associate dean for diversity/director of multicultural affairs. In this new position, Wah-Fitta will supervise the Intercultural Center, including the Office of Multicultural Affairs, Office of International Students, the Spiritual Faith Office, and the grant funded "Bridge To Success" program. She assumed this new role on July 22, 2002.

With a background in higher education, Wah-Fitta has held numerous positions in the field. Most notably, Wah-Fitta worked as deputy chief of communication for the Division of Family Health at the Rhode Island Department of Health and was responsible for the planning, development, and implementation of public health communication and media campaigns aimed at diverse audiences, including minority groups in Rhode Island.

Receiving her bachelor's degree in nutrition and food science from the Universidad Iberoamericana in Mexico City, Wah-Fitta came to the United States to earn her master's degree in nutrition communications with a minor in public health and social marketing from Tufts University in Boston. Wah-Fitta also has experience helping international college students adjust to American culture and mentoring high school students.



Andrea Goldblum has been hired as assistant dean of students/director of student life and began her employment in June. Assistant Dean Goldblum supervises the Department of Student Life, which includes housing, residence life, the Women's Center, and Commuter Center.

Goldblum came to Roger Williams from the University of Colorado at Boulder where she was the director of the Office of Judicial Affairs since 1996. In this role, she was responsible for administering the Stu-

dent Code of Conduct and directing operations of the Office of Judicial Affairs. She was also the director of the Office of Sexual Harassment from 2000-2001. Goldblum has held positions in student affairs at Florida International University, Salisbury University, and the University of Michigan.

A featured presenter at many national conferences, Goldblum holds a bachelor's degree in education from the University of Miami and a master's degree in higher education from the University of Michigan.

ATHLETICS

Rachel Madsen has been appointed assistant director of athletics and senior woman administrator. She will also serve as women's basketball coach. See related story on page 44.

SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE, ART AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION



Roger Williams recently appointed Alberto Balestrieri assistant dean of the School of Architecture, Art and Historic Preservation (SAAHP). Balestrieri will assist the dean in operational and administrative functions in the SAAHP in the areas of assessment, student career, and special study opportunities, public affairs, web development, university advancement, summer studies, study abroad, and public presentations.

Balestrieri comes to Roger Williams from Boston, where he was the assistant director of the Aga Khan Program for Islamic Architecture (AKPIA) at Harvard University and MIT.

Balestrieri received a bachelor of arts degree in anthropology with honorable distinction from Concordia University in Montreal, Canada, before arriving in the United States as a pre-doctoral candidate at SUNY-Binghamton's Fernand Braudel Institute in 1986.

Adjunct faculty member Denny Moers was chosen to receive the 2002 Pell Award for Excellence in the Arts.

The Pell Awards honor Senator Claiborne Pell and recognize artistic excellence in Rhode Island and the New England region, as well as nationally. Senator Pell was a dedicated supporter of the arts throughout his career. He helped establish the National Endowment for the Arts and Humanities and chaired the Senate Education and Arts Subcommittee.

Criteria for the Pell Awards include demonstrating excellence in the artist's chosen field; creating work that significantly advances the art form; and contributing to the betterment of the community and the world at large through artistic presence and community service.

An adjunct professor of photography in the School of Architecture, Art and Historic Preservation, Moers was recognized because of his technically innovative techniques for producing and developing black and white photographs.

GABELLI SCHOOL OF BUSINESS



Maling Ebrahimipour, Ph.D., was named dean of the Gabelli School of Business and assumed his new position following commencement ceremonies. Ebrahimipour is responsible for overseeing all aspects of the Gabelli School, including curriculum, faculty, and students, according to President Nirschel.

With nearly 20 years of experience in higher education in Rhode Island, Ebrahimipour comes to Roger Williams University from the University of Rhode Island in Kingston, R.I., where he has been associate dean of graduate programs and research for the College of Business since 1999.

Ebrahimipour received his bachelor's degree in cost accounting from the Institute of Advanced Accounting in Tehran, Iran; his M.B.A. in operation research from the University of Nebraska-Kearney; and his Ph.D. in business administration from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

FEINSTEIN COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Dr. Diane Comiskey, Dr. Katherine Hall, Dr. Kate Mele, and Dr. Nancy Nester of the Department of Writing Studies recently attended the 53rd Annual Convention of the Conference on College Composition and Communication held in Chicago, Ill. There, they attended numerous sessions on a variety of topics ranging from "Class and Gender in the Writing Classroom" to "Film Studies."

Hall attended a workshop entitled "Versions of Reality: Textual Intersection Between Feminine/Feminist Discourse(s) and the Street," while Mele took part in "Designing an Advanced Writing Curriculum: A Hands-on Workshop." Nester delivered a paper entitled "Adapting the Flexible Framework: Guidelines for Realists, Pragmatists, and Meliorists." Comiskey presented her paper "Selecting and Adapting Courses for the RWU Program" in which she highlighted her plan for an upper-level writing course entitled "Film Literacy and Theory."

Dr. Carolyn Kendrow, longtime professor of chemistry, recently received the national distinction of becoming a 50-year member of the American Chemical Society.

Writing Specialist Karen Bilotti and Peer Tutor Patty Kent recently attended the annual Northeast Writing Centers Association Conference 2002 on Writing Centers and Diversity held at Bryant College. Bilotti and Kent attended several sessions, including "Guilt-free ESL Tutoring: Adapting Our Tutoring Practice for Diversity."

Associate Professor of Dance Gary Shore recently completed a short film titled, "First Movement Form." Shore's directorial debut was selected to be included in the Dudley Film Festival at Harvard University in Boston, which was held in May.

SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE, ART AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Dr. Rebecca Leuchak, associate professor of art and architectural history, presented a paper entitled "Art in a Time of Crisis" and chaired a conference session on "9/11" at

the Eighth Annual Meetings of the Association for Core Text and Courses recently held in Montreal, Canada.

GABELLI SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

Assistant Professor of Economics Dr. Maria Kula's article "Voting and Lottery Technologies: A Potential Jackpot? An Economic Analysis" has been accepted for publication in the *International Business and Economics Research Journal*.

The November 2002 issue of the *Journal of International Consumer Marketing* will contain an article by marketing professor Dr. Kathy Micken titled "An Exploratory Cross-Cultural Analysis of The Values of Materialism."

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

Margaret Tombs, Ph.D., assistant professor of education, recently presented "Bridges Across The Atlantic: Using Technology to Share Culture" at the Success With Languages Through Technology Conference sponsored by the Connecticut Council of Language Teachers (COLT) Conference in Sandy Hook, Conn.

SCHOOL OF JUSTICE STUDIES

A number of School of Justice Studies faculty made presentations at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences 39th Annual Meeting held this March in Anaheim, Calif.

Dr. Jeffrey Jenkins presented a paper he co-authored with Dr. Anthony LaRose entitled "Police Values and The Experience of Policing: An Exploratory Examination of the Personal Values, Goals, and Characteristics of Police Recruits."

Jenkins also presented a paper he co-authored with Dr. P. Christopher Menton entitled "Treatment Programs For Incarcerated Batterers: Implications For Correctional Policy."

Dr. Kathleen Dunn presented a paper entitled "The Impact of the Supreme Courts Decision in Daubert and Kumho on the Admissibility of Expert Testimony on Eyewitness Identification."

Dr. Stephanie Manzi and Paul S. Manzi, a Roger Williams alumnus and member of the Johnston Police Department, presented a paper they co-authored entitled "Recruiting, Selecting and Retaining Female Law Enforcement Officers." Dr. Manzi also served as the chairperson for the "Policing & Gender in The Criminal Justice System" panel.

OPEN COLLEGE

John Stout, dean of the Open College at Roger Williams University, recently received a certificate of achievement from Northeastern University in recognition of his effective teaching as a senior lecturer and his service to the university.

Stout is an adjunct faculty member at Northeastern, where he has taught courses in political science, public administration, and urban politics for the past 35 years. This marks the fifth time he has received this honor.

OFFICE OF STUDENT AFFAIRS

At the recent international conference of the Association of Student Judicial Affairs in Clearwater Beach, Fla., Heidi Hartzell, director of judicial affairs and community standards was awarded the Outstanding Circuit Award. This award is given to one member nationally each year in recognition of their exceptional activities and communication in advancing the profession in their circuit.

Hartzell also was selected to serve on the Management Team as the volunteer coordinator for the Rhode Island Special Olympics Summer Games for this summer.

UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES

Governor Lincoln Almond has appointed Peter Deeke, Ed.D., dean of university library services, to serve on the Library Board of Rhode Island. With his term ending in 2004, Deeke's role will be to represent the University library's needs in this state.

Clark Scholarship Awarded

Roger Williams University Ralph R. Papitto School of Law selected Michelle Alves, Bristol, R.I., as the Professor Esther Clark Endowed Scholarship winner for 2001-2002.

The Professor Clark Endowed Scholarship was generously funded through a gift from the late Esther F. Clark and her husband, John. The scholarship is awarded to a rising second-year student on the basis of outstanding academic performance.

**Hinckley, Allen & Snyder, LLP
Supports Law School's National
Mock Trial Team**

For the third consecutive year, Roger Williams University Ralph R. Papitto School of Law accepted a generous \$2,000 donation from Hinckley, Allen & Snyder LLP, Providence, R.I. The firm's contribution will sponsor the National Mock Trial Team and comes with a commitment from the firm's young litigators to assist with preparation for the competition.

This past year, the Roger Williams Teams had their best year ever. In only the school's third year of competition, both Roger Williams trial teams advanced to the semi-final round with one advancing to the final round, losing in a split decision.

Both teams proved Roger Williams University Law is competitive with the best trial advocacy programs in the region. The National Trial Competition is a 27-year-old program and is one of the most competitive law student competitions in the country. The Northeast Regional included 18 teams from nine of the 13 American Bar Association accredited law schools in the area. Professor David Zlotnick was the principal coach for these teams.

Hinckley, Allen & Snyder LLP has built a strong relationship with the School of Law and continues to provide students with meaningful opportunities to develop their legal skills.

**Two Students Awarded Birnberg
Foundation Award**

Roger Williams University Ralph R. Papitto School of Law Interim Dean Bruce I. Kogan announced that Joseph R. Rodgers, Holliston, Mass., and Thomas Box, Johnston, R.I., were awarded the Birnberg Foundation Award for perseverance, determination, and dedication to succeed throughout their entire law school career. Each student received a total of \$1,000.

Box is a teacher with the Scituate School Department, North Scituate, R.I. He was formerly the CEO/founder of Tada Accessories, Reseda, Calif. He earned a masters degree in management from the University of Southern California, Los Angeles, Calif., and a bachelor of science degree in education from Bryant College, Smithfield, R.I.

Rodgers was previously employed by Narragansett Electric. He earned a bachelor of arts degree in history from Providence College, Providence, R.I.

This award was established through the generosity of the Birnberg Foundation of Little Falls, N.J. The selection committee consisted of Professor David Rice, Professor Larry Ritchie, and alumnus John Birnberg, Class of 2001.

**Law Alumni Association Awards
Second Annual Scholarship**

Debra Salmon, from Uxbridge, Mass., was awarded a \$500 scholarship from the Roger Williams University Ralph R. Papitto School of Law Alumni Association. The award recognizes academic excellence and financial need of second-year students at the School of Law.

Salmon was a summer intern for The Honorable Susan Ricci of the Worcester Probate and Family Court, Worcester, Mass. Currently, she is an employee of VanderZicht Real Estate, Inc., Whitinsville, Mass. During the academic year, Debra participates in the School of Law's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program, and she is a member of the Honor Board, of which she was appointed secretary.

Michael W. Field, Esq., '97, president of the Law Alumni Association commented, "The Alumni Association is very pleased to recognize Debra's academic excellence through the award of this scholarship."

Salmon received a paralegal certificate from the Northeastern University Paralegal Professional Program, Boston, Mass. An undergraduate of Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada, Salmon earned a bachelor of arts degree in philosophy.

The Law Alumni Association consists of over 700 members and is dedicated to building a strong relationship with the student body and to developing its Scholarship Fund. Alumni are mindful of the tremendous financial burden a law school education places upon a student and seek to reward deserving students to defray the expense.

**Law Alumni Association Board
Elected**

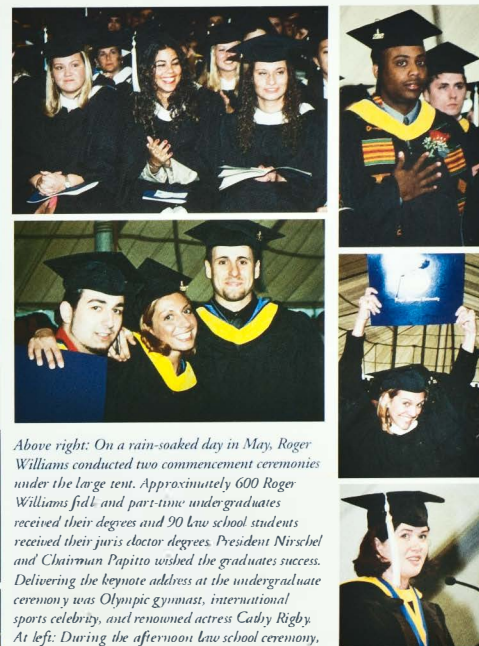
The Law Alumni Association of Roger Williams University Ralph R. Papitto School of Law elected its 2002-2003 executive committee and board of directors.

The re-elected executive committee includes: President Michael Field, '97, Johnston, R.I.; Vice-president Anthony Leone, '97, Smithfield, R.I.; Treasurer Neal Richard Pandozzi, '99, North Providence, R.I.; Secretary Jennifer Brooks, '99, Pawtucket, R.I.; and Immediate Past President Michael Voccola, '97, Cranston, R.I. Executive Committee Elections took place during the Law Alumni Association's Annual Meeting on Saturday, May 4, 2002, at The Westin, Providence, R.I.

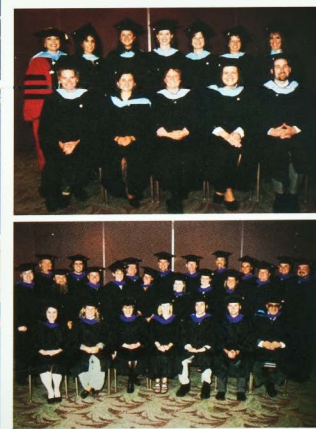
Eric Miller, '01, West Warwick, R.I., was newly elected to the board of directors. The existing board of directors includes: Armando Batastini, III, '98, Harmony, R.I.; Wendy Buckler, '98, Providence, R.I.; Cassie Cioci, '00, Newport, R.I.; David D'Agostini, '99, North Scituate, R.I.; Christine Fraser, '99, Westerly, R.I.; Mark Gemma, '97, Cranston, R.I.; Robert Jacquard, '98, Cranston, R.I.; Steve Maguire, '96, Cranston, R.I.; Christopher Maselli, '99, Providence, R.I.; Susan Perkins, '97, Newport, R.I.; and Cheryl Robertson, '96, Cumberland, R.I.

Commencement 2002**HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENTS**

Presenting an Honorary Doctor of Humanities Service degree to Mary Teffi (Happy) White is Roger Williams Chairman Ralph R. Papitto and President Roy J. Nirschel, Ph.D. Frederic V. Salerno (left); Cathy Rigby (center), who was the keynote speaker; and Rear Admiral Barbara E. McGinnis (right) received honorary degrees.

RALPH R. PAPITTO SCHOOL OF LAW**ROGER WILLIAMS UNIVERSITY**

Above right: On a rain-soaked day in May, Roger Williams conducted two commencement ceremonies under the large tent. Approximately 600 Roger Williams full and part-time undergraduates received their degrees and 90 law school students received their juris doctor degrees. President Nirschel and Chairman Papitto wished the graduates success. Delivering the keynote address at the undergraduate ceremony was Olympic gymnast, international sports celebrity, and renowned actress Cathy Rigby. At left: During the afternoon law school ceremony, the Honorable Bruce M. Selya, esteemed member of the United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit, gave the address.

**MASTER'S
PROGRAM
GRADUATES**

This past May marked the graduation of the first class of the School of Education Master's Program (top) and the second class of the School of Justice Studies Master of Science in Criminal Justice Program (bottom). To mark the occasion, two special hooding ceremonies took place at the Roger Williams University Residence and Conference Center.

Greetings from the Roger Williams University Family Association

On Saturday, August 3, 2002, the Roger Williams University Family Association (RWUFA) was born. A decision was made by those in attendance that the word "family" would be more appropriate and inclusive, given the vast changes our society has experienced in the structure and definition of the American family. We also felt that it would put RWU on the cutting edge for this type of organization. We hope you agree.

The RWUFA will become an integral part of the Roger Williams University community. We have structured the Association by forming standing committees in the following areas: student services, admissions, career services, communications, orientations, Alumni & Family Weekend, and Parents' Fund. In this way, any parent who is interested or has a particular area of expertise may join a committee and lend a helping hand for the betterment of the University.

The changes that have occurred at Roger Williams in just one year are very impressive. With a new, energetic president and additional faculty and staff, Roger Williams University is truly an institution for the 21st century.

We are all stakeholders in this wonderful University. Please decide to take part in shaping the future of Roger Williams University by joining the Family Association. We can all make a difference if we contribute a small portion of our time. You, your

children, and the University community will benefit from your participation. If you have any questions, please call (203) 799-2257 or e-mail jmarrone@bridgeport.edu. You may also contact Geri Manning, director of annual giving and constituent relations at (401) 254-3216 or e-mail her at gmanning@rwu.edu.

Looking forward to meeting you during Family Weekend in October.

Sincerely,
Joan & Joseph Marrone
Co-Chairs RWUFA

Family Association

Family Association Events are planned for Alumni/Family Weekend, October 18-20.

Reception, Friday, October 18, at 9:00 p.m.

Family Association Meeting, Saturday, October 19, at 11:00 a.m.

(Editor's Note: See related schedule of Alumni & Family Weekend in Alumni News.)



THE NEWLY ESTABLISHED FAMILY ASSOCIATION MEMBERS ARE: (sitting l to r) Sharon Forsman and Joan Marrone; (standing l to r) Lennert Forsman, Joseph Marrone, and Jeffrey Maniz.

Roger Williams Embarks on First Major Capital Campaign

Roger Williams University, like all private colleges and universities, must be the master of its financial destiny. Building our endowment funds over the next few years will be essential not only to underwrite long-term gains in quality but also to protect our achievements during inevitable economic fluctuations.

To make these bold investments possible, the University's trustees have authorized a major, comprehensive capital fund-raising initiative to meet the University's highest priorities in facilities; endowments for faculty, students, and programs; and operating support through the continuation of its indispensable Annual Fund.

As the University's first major capital campaign, an ambitious goal will be announced at a special kick-off event during Alumni & Family Weekend on Saturday, October 19, 2002. Success will require the support from trustees, alumni, parents of students, faculty and staff, and friends. Roger Williams also will seek gifts from foundations, corporations, and government programs that invest in university programs such as teaching, research, community service, and professional education in key fields such as law and business.



RWU School of Engineering students assist a group of 7th graders at Kickemuit Middle School in a Lego Robotics Club, an after-school activity where self-selected students build lego robots to compete in the R.I. Robotics Park event in April.

Institute for Teaching and Learning Established as Joint Education Pilot Project

A federal appropriation of \$850,000, realized through the efforts of U.S. Senator Jack Reed, created the Institute for Teaching and Learning, a collaborative that will start out in the first year as a pilot project between Roger Williams University and the Bristol/Warren Regional School District, with future plans in the second and third years to expand to schools in the East Bay region. Initiatives are beginning at Bristol/Warren schools this fall.

In speaking about the significance of this Institute, Senator Reed said, "We see this as part of continuing the effort to improve the quality of education in Rhode Island."

Roger Williams University President Roy J. Nirschel, Ph.D., said, "The Institute for Teaching and Learning will significantly elevate educational professional development opportunities for local Rhode Island teachers. The concept and process mark a renewed partnership between the University and the school district."

The Institute is being organized by the University's School of Education under the leadership of Dean Marie DiBiasio, Ed.D.

The federal appropriation will be focused on professional development for teachers. In addition, the Institute will provide other education initiatives such as:

- Educational summits to address national trends in teaching and education. This will enrich the teachers' past pre-service and in-service ongoing professional development.
- Fund a Roger Williams School of Education Mentoring Program between Bristol/Warren teachers in the classroom and in faculty development sessions.

"We welcome the dedicated interest of Roger Williams University and the Institute for Teaching and Learning regarding an ongoing partnership with the Bristol/Warren School District. By encouraging our input and feedback, the University's effort possesses marvelous potential to assist us in delivering better educational programs," stated District Superintendent Dr. Helen Barboza.

\$1.42 Million Reed Aquaculture Initiative Seeks to "Grow the Industry" in R.I.



Roger Williams collaborates on federal grant with CRMC, Sea Grant and URI

Aquaculture gained a firmer footing in Rhode Island with federal support generated through the efforts of U.S. Sen. Jack Reed. The grant directs \$1.42 million toward development, promotion, and management of a viable aquaculture presence in the state.

The Reed Aquaculture Initiative is a unique collaboration that unites federal and state interests as well as academic, regulatory, and industry resources. The initiative is appropriating the \$1.42 million to the Rhode Island Coastal Resources Management Council (CRMC), the state's leading regulatory agency for aquaculture, with CRMC enlisting Rhode Island Sea Grant,

the University of Rhode Island (URI), and Roger Williams University to administer the grant project.

Major components of the proposed program reflect a focus on research and technological development that has characterized past university-industry endeavors. One component is support for applied research to address industry priorities, including cultivation of alternative species, development of monitoring and marketing innovations, evaluation of environmental and economic impacts, and enhancement of comprehensive ocean mapping efforts.

A second key element is the creation of two extension positions, one specializing in finfish culture and the other in shellfish culture. This extension function will ensure integrated, statewide outreach to support the industry with technical assistance and training, demonstration projects, species diversification, and market development.

Roger Williams President Roy J. Nirschel said, "Through the Roger Williams Center for Economic and Environmental Development, the University has aggressively pursued the development of marine sciences in the state.

We're working to simplify the process while creating a healthy environment that encourages the aquaculture industry to develop."

Annual Fund wraps up 2001/02 Campaign

The 2001/02 Annual Fund Campaign is complete. Support from all constituent groups has been wonderful. Special thanks go to our chairs: George Hemond '72 and Susan Pratt Osborn '79, Alumni Annual Fund Chairs; Rene '75 and Aurora Pincince, Parents Fund Chairs; Mary Pratt and Grattan Gill, Friends Chair; and our Employee Chairs: Richard Bernardi, Robert Blackburn, Marie DiBiasio, Fred Gould, Americo "Rico" Mallozzi, Frank Mastrobuono, Sharon Manchester, Susan Pasquarelli, Anthony Pesare, Ken Osborne, Louis Swiczewicz, Andrew Tate, Charles Trimbach, and Peter Wilbur, and for the

Ralph R. Papitto School of Law, Nan Balliot, Margie Caranci, and Larry Ritchie.

Our alumni combined their giving power and raised over \$140,000. Our parents increased their level of participation by 21%, and the Roger Williams University employees reached 42% participation.

The 2002/03 Roger Williams University Annual Fund Campaign is underway. This year's phonathon is scheduled to begin in September, and volunteers are being recruited. If you are interested in taking an active role, please contact Geri L. Manning, director of annual giving and constituent relations at (401) 254-3216.

RACHEL MADSEN NAMED ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS AND SENIOR WOMAN ADMINISTRATOR

Roger Williams University has appointed Rachel Madsen as assistant director of athletics and senior woman administrator, a position she assumed August 1, 2002. She also will serve as women's basketball coach. In her multiple positions, Madsen will act as a liaison to women's athletic coaches and programs, and assist the director of athletics with Title IX compliance, as well as all other aspects of the department. In addition, she will serve as the NCAA compliance officer for all intercollegiate sports programs.

"We are very excited to have someone with Rachel's experience and education for this important position. When I became athletic director last November, I realized that finding a quality senior



woman administrator was going to be one of the most important steps as we go forward. I am pleased to say that we are bringing in a quality person who will be a terrific role model, not only for our female athletes and staff but also will be an asset to our entire athletic program," said George Kolb, director of athletics, intramurals and recreation. "The fact that she has performed well as both an administrator and women's basketball coach and is a well-rounded individual, certainly bodes well for the program."

Madsen comes to Roger Williams from the California Institute of Technology in Pasadena, Calif., where she held

the positions of head women's basketball coach, physical education program coordinator, and residence hall director. As head basketball coach, Madsen was responsible for all aspects of recruitment, training and team management of the Division III program. She was also a full-time faculty member in the physical education program, in addition to overseeing the course scheduling and administration

of the program and six full-time and 11 part-time instructors. While at CalTech, Madsen also held the position of NCAA Division III Women's Basketball West Region Committee chair, supervising the regional committee of conference representatives in seven western states.

Prior to relocating to California

in 1999, Madsen was the head women's basketball coach for five years at the Division III Wheelock College in Boston, Mass. During this time, she also coached a local high school's freshman girl's soccer team.

After receiving her bachelor's degree in criminal justice and psychology from Castleton State College in Castleton, Vt., Madsen later continued her education at Bridgewater State College in Bridgewater, Mass., taking courses in physical education teacher preparation. She recently completed her master's of education degree in higher education administration from the University of Southern California in Los Angeles.

Another Banner Year

By Dave Kemmy, Assistant Athletic Director/ Administration and Sports Information

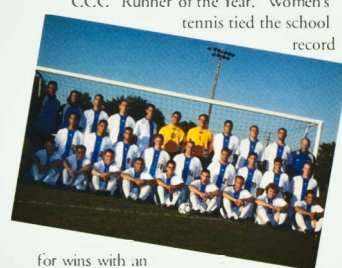
Successful was the key word for the 2001-2002 athletic year at Roger Williams University. Three teams qualified for the NCAA Tournament, two for the ECAC post-season tournament, each a school record. Yet another team finished the year ranked in the top 15 nationally in team GPA, the first team to accomplish that. The overall record for the program was 188-137-5, a .577 winning percentage and individual honors included 43 all-conference selections, 12 All-New England choices, 20 academic all-conference recipients, two academic all-region selections, and one Academic All-American.

Following is a quick breakdown of how each team fared this season. Women's soccer finished 7-10-2 and lost in the conference quarterfinals.



Kara McSweeney and Emily Seelig were all-conference. Women's volleyball finished 15-20, placing second in the CCC regular season, and lost in the conference semifinals. Men's soccer

had the best season in school history, finishing 17-6-1. They won their third consecutive CCC title and NCAA tournament berth. They reached the NCAA Tourney second round, becoming first team ever to achieve that. Andrew Combra and Chris Curran were named All-New England. Women's cross country won their second consecutive CCC title, and Alison Belanger was named All-New England and CCC "Runner of the Year." Men's cross country had the best season in school history, running to their first conference championship. Eric Van Tassel led the way and was the CCC "Runner of the Year." Women's tennis tied the school record



for wins with an 11-5 mark, lost in the conference championship match, and placed 15th in the New England's, their highest finish ever.

In the winter, the wrestling team posted the best dual meet record in school history (18-6), finished 14th nationally in Team GPA, and placed sixth in New England. Jeff Bernard was an Academic All-American, and Brian Bagdon, Joe Fitzsimons and Jon Egan were All-New England. The women's basketball team finished 9-17 and lost in the CCC quarterfinals. Emily Winsor led team in scoring and along with Kristin Gaynor was named all-conference. The men's basketball squad finished 16-11 and earned their first ECAC tournament appearance. Ryan Kelly was named the conference "Player of the Year" and was also chosen for the ECAC All-Star Team and to the DIIIhoops.com All-Northeast Region Team. Men's volleyball posted their ninth straight winning season (19-10) and reached the ECAC Tournament for the first time. They finished the year ranked #8 nationally, and Jake Reynolds was named to the East Region All-Academic Team.

The spring also had some great success. Women's softball won their second straight CCC title and reached the NCAA tourney



for the second straight season as well. They finished 23-12-2 and were paced by all-conference performers Lauren Hall, Laura Bednarz, Lesley Calderwood, Erin Keating, and Michelle Picard. The baseball team had their best season ever, finishing 24-17 and capturing their first conference title. They also played in their first NCAA tournament and were led by All-New England choice Brian Robinson and CCC "Pitcher of the Year," Josh Rosen.

Men's lacrosse had a great turnaround season, finishing 12-4 under CCC "Coach of the Year" Marty Kelly. They reached the conference championship game and also earned an ECAC tournament berth for just the second time in school annals. Men's tennis finished 3-10, and freshman Robert Mincarelli was all-conference. The golf team was led by school-record holder Mike Jedrzyszczak, the best player in school history who won four out of five events in the spring. Co-ed equestrian placed second in two shows, its best performance in ten years. Natalie Williams was second in the region. The co-ed sailing team won the RWU Invitational in the spring and finished in the top three in three other regattas.

Wrestlers Receive Citations from Rhode Island House of Representatives

Five RWU wrestlers were honored for their community service efforts by State Representative Ray Gallison. Gallison presented special citations to Jeff Bernard, Brian Bagdon, Kevin O'Neil, Joe Fitzsimons, and Matt Boissonneault, during a special ceremony held on the campus quad.

The five helped lead the Waypoys Preserve Off Narrows Road in Bristol during Earth Day Cleanup in the spring. Gallison, a resident of the area and fellow volunteer, was so impressed with their work that he recommended the citations. The Waypoys effort was one of three community service events the wrestling team participated in this past school year.

2002 FALL SPORTS SCHEDULE

Home games in Bold

MEN'S SOCCER				
Aug. 31	U.S. MERCHANT MARINE ACAD.	H	1:00PM	
Sept. 4	Johnson & Wales University	A	4:00PM	
Sept. 7	EASTERN CONN. STATE UNIV.	H	12:00PM	
Sept. 10	U.S. Coast Guard Academy	A	4:00PM	
Sept. 14	BABSON COLLEGE	H	12:00PM	
Sept. 15	Anna Maria College	A	12:00PM	
Sept. 18	SALVE REGINA UNIVERSITY*	H	4:00PM	
Sept. 21	Plymouth State College	A	1:00PM	
Sept. 25	Curry College*	A	4:00PM	
Sept. 28	COLBY-SAWYER COLLEGE*	H	12:30PM	
Oct. 1	EASTERN NAZARENE COLLEGE*	H	4:00PM	
Oct. 5	UNIVERSITY OF NEW ENGLAND*	H	3:00PM	
Oct. 9	Endicott College*	A	7:00PM	
Oct. 12	New England College*	A	2:30PM	
Oct. 17	Gordon College*	A	3:30PM	
Oct. 19	WENTWORTH INSTITUTE OF TECH*	H	12:00PM	
Oct. 21	Wheaton College	A	1:00PM	
Oct. 26	Nichols College*	A	1:00PM	
Nov. 2	Commonwealth Coast Conference Quarterfinals	TBA		
Nov. 5	CCC Semifinals	TBA		
Nov. 9	CCC Championship Game	TBA		

*Commonwealth Coast Conference Regular Season games

WOMEN'S SOCCER				
Sept. 7	RWU INVITATIONAL	H	2:00PM	
Sept. 10	RWU vs. Eastern Conn. State Univ. (Bayside Field)	A	4:00PM	
Sept. 14	RWU INVITATIONAL	H	11:00AM	
Sept. 15	Consolation Game (Bayside Field)			
Sept. 12	UMASS-DARTMOUTH	H	4:00PM	
Sept. 14	REGIS COLLEGE*	A	4:00PM	
Sept. 17	Anna Maria College*	A	4:00PM	
Sept. 19	SALVE REGINA UNIVERSITY*	H	4:00PM	
Sept. 21	Curry College*	A	10:00AM	
Sept. 24	RHODE ISLAND COLLEGE	H	4:00PM	
Sept. 28	COLBY-SAWYER COLLEGE*	H	3:00PM	
Oct. 1	EASTERN NAZARENE COLLEGE*	A	4:00PM	
Oct. 3	Johnson & Wales University	A	7:00PM	
Oct. 5	UNIVERSITY OF NEW ENGLAND*	H	12:30PM	
Oct. 9	Endicott College*	A	4:00PM	
Oct. 12	New England College*	A	12:00PM	
Oct. 16	Gordon College*	A	3:00PM	
Oct. 19	WENTWORTH INSTITUTE OF TECH*	H	12:00PM	
Oct. 24	BRIDGEWATER STATE COLLEGE	H	3:00PM	
Oct. 26	Nichols College*	A	11:00AM	
Nov. 2	Commonwealth Coast Conference Quarterfinals	TBA		
Nov. 5	CCC Semifinals	TBA		
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*Commonwealth Coast Conference Regular Season games

WOMEN'S TENNIS				
Sept. 7	UMASS-BOSTON	H	1:00PM	
Sept. 10	UMASS-Dartmouth	A	4:00PM	
Sept. 14	REGIS COLLEGE*	H	1:00PM	
Sept. 19	SALVE REGINA UNIVERSITY*	H	4:00PM	
Sept. 21	Salve Regina Grasscourt Doubles Championships			
Sept. 21	Site International Tennis Hall of Fame (Newport, RI)			
Sept. 24	Bridgewater State College	A	3:30PM	
Sept. 26	WENTWORTH INSTITUTE OF TECH*	H	4:00PM	
Sept. 28	COLBY-SAWYER COLLEGE*	H	1:00PM	
Oct. 1	EASTERN NAZARENE COLLEGE*	H	4:00PM	
Oct. 3	RHODE ISLAND COLLEGE	H	4:00PM	
Oct. 5	Johnson & Wales University	A	1:00PM	
Oct. 9	Endicott College*	A	3:30PM	
Oct. 12	Nichols College*	A	12:00PM	
Oct. 15	Curry College*	A	3:30PM	
Oct. 16	Gordon College*	A	3:30PM	
Oct. 18	New England Division III Champ. (At Amherst College, Amherst, Massachusetts)			
Oct. 19	New England Division III Champ. (At Amherst College, Amherst, Massachusetts)			
Oct. 26	Commonwealth Coast Conference Quarterfinals	TBA		
Oct. 29	CCC Semifinals	TBA		
Nov. 2	CCC Championship Match	TBA		

*Commonwealth Coast Conference Regular Season games

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL				
Sept. 4	Clark University	A	7:00PM	
Sept. 6	Springfield College Invitational Tour	A	5:00PM	
Sept. 7	Springfield College Invitational Tour	A	9:00AM	
Sept. 10	UMASS-BOSTON	H	7:00PM	
Sept. 12	ANNA MARIA COLLEGE*	H	7:00PM	
Sept. 14	RWU INVITATIONAL	H	9:00AM	
Sept. 17	with U. of New England, Regis College, Newbury College, Salve Regina University, Wentworth Institute of Technology, Gordon College*			
Sept. 19	SUFOKU UNIVERSITY	A	7:00PM	
Sept. 25	REGIS COLLEGE*	H	7:00PM	
Sept. 27	Bridgewater State College Inv. Tour	A	5:00PM	
Sept. 28	Bridgewater State College Inv. Tour	A	9:00AM	
Oct. 1	Endicott College*	A	7:00PM	
Oct. 1	Eastern Nazarene College*	A	7:00PM	
Oct. 10	CONNECTICUT COLLEGE	H	7:00PM	
Oct. 12	University of New England*	A	1:00PM	
Oct. 15	Salve Regina University	A	7:00PM	
Oct. 20	COLBY-SAWYER COLLEGE*	A	7:00PM	
Oct. 22	EASTERN CONN. STATE UNIV.	H	1:00PM	
Oct. 22	RHODE ISLAND COLLEGE	H	7:00PM	
Oct. 24	WENTWORTH INSTITUTE OF TECH*	H	7:00PM	
Oct. 26	U.S. Coast Guard Acad. Classic Tour	A	9:30AM	
Oct. 29	Johnson & Wales University	A	7:00PM	
Nov. 5	Commonwealth Coast Conference Quarterfinals	TBA		
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"TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME"... Alumni and their families went out to the ball game at the McCoy Stadium in Pawtucket, R.I., on Thursday, August 8, for the Fourth Annual Alumni Night at the PawSox. Guests enjoyed a beautiful summer evening and private barbecue as they watched the PawSox take on the Buffalo Bisons.

Alumni Calendar of Events

We're coming to your area!

Mark your calendars for the following events and join us!

Stay tuned to www.rwu.edu/alumni for details.

October 2002

Alumni & Family Weekend
October 18-20, 2002
Bristol Campus

Hartford Chapter Event
Alumni and Admissions
October 30, 2002
Avon Old Farms Inn

November 2002

Fairfield County Chapter
Alumni & Parent Reception
November 21, 2002
Location TBD

NY/NJ Chapter Event
November 23, 2002
Location TBD

December 2002

Boston Chapter Event
December 5, 2002
Location TBD

Rhode Island Holiday Party
December 6, 2002
Roger Williams Park Casino

January 2003

Los Angeles/Anaheim
Alumni/Parent/
Prospective Student Event
January 11, 2003
Location TBD

Maryland Chapter Event
Alumni and Parents
Date & Location TBD

Washington DC Chapter
Alumni/Parent/
Prospective Student Event
Date & Location TBD

February 2003

Alumni Ski Trip
Date & Location TBD

March 2003

Florida Chapter Event
Alumni and Parents
Date & Location TBD

Are you thinking of searching for new employment?

If so, you know to look on the internet, in the Help Wanted sections of the newspaper, and to network with people who may be in a position to assist you. Now, there is an additional resource to help identify opportunities for you and to get your resume in the hands of hiring organizations.

The Career Center is happy to offer the Resume Matching Program. Available to all alumni and current students in their final year of study at no cost, the Resume Matching Program (RMP) is an automated resume matching system that will help link you with prospective employers. The Career Center will match the resumes of registered participants to incoming positions using criteria that both you and the employer select. We will mail copies of appropriate resumes directly to the employer, along with a cover letter from the Career Center. The Career Center will notify you via e-mail or postcard when your resume has been forwarded, to whom it has been forwarded, and the position title. Once we forward your resume, an employer may contact you for an interview.

If you are interested in participating in this service, please contact the Career Center to request a registration form. You may reach us at (401) 254-3224 or e-mail us at careers@rwu.edu. The form is also available on our web site at www.rwu.edu. You will need to return the completed form along with 30 copies of your resume on resume paper.

Need help with your resume? We'd be happy to assist you. You may call for an individual appointment or work with us via e-mail. Just send your resume as an attachment in Microsoft Word.

The Career Center is open during the academic year Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. and Tuesdays until 7:00 p.m. Call (401) 254-3224 to schedule appointments on the main campus. A representative from The Career Center will also be available at the Metropolitan College Campus in Providence on Tuesdays from 4:00-7:00 p.m. Please call (401) 276-4846 to schedule Metropolitan College appointments.

JOIN US IN CREATING A NEW TRADITION AT ROGER WILLIAMS UNIVERSITY.

ALUMNI & FAMILY WEEKEND

OCTOBER 18, 19, 20

Dear Alumni:

This year marks a first for Roger Williams University – our first ever Alumni & Family Weekend. By combining these two weekends, we are able to offer you so much more. Our weekend is absolutely jam-packed with various memorable and enjoyable events – attend one, a few or all. (See schedule of events on the next page for more details.)

Friday night centers around Midnight Madness, a much anticipated event on campus. Alumni will have prime viewing from the Alumni Room high above the festivities. Saturday will offer you a barbecue lunch, theater performances, athletic games (many against alumni teams), and featured speaker, Publisher Linda Kadiz Platzner. In addition, there will be academic open houses in each of the schools. Having your former professors and faculty present during the weekend was your number one request from last year, and we are happy to offer it to you.

Saturday night will also feature an Alumni Clam Boil in Bristol Harbor. Join fellow alumni down on the water for the largest event of the weekend! Sunday offers a brunch hosted by President Roy J. Nirschel, Ph.D., as well as more athletic games and an alumni golf outing at nearby Green Valley Country Club. It promises to be a wonderful and exciting weekend. Call your classmates today and make plans to join us.

Register today! Visit us at www.rwu.edu and click on the Alumni Weekend link for details and to register online with our secure server. Call us at 800-458-7144 or e-mail alumni@rwu.edu with your reservations and credit card information. Special discounted room rates have been secured at area hotels. Information on these hotels may be found at www.rwu.edu. The deadline to register is October 9.

Join your classmates for what is sure to be an exciting and busy weekend. Register today, and I look forward to seeing you on campus in October.

Robin L. Erickson
Acting Director of Alumni Relations

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JOIN US IN CREATING A NEW TRADITION AT ROGER WILLIAMS UNIVERSITY.

ALUMNI & FAMILY WEEKEND

OCTOBER 18, 19, 20 • SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, October 18, 2002

5:00 p.m. "I Roger Williams"
In anticipation of our namesake's 400th Birthday Anniversary in 2003, the University Library is proud to host Mary Lee Settle, author of the critically acclaimed novel "I Roger Williams." Ms. Settle will speak in the University Library periodicals reading area.

5:30 – 8:30 p.m. Registration
Registration will take place in the Recreation Center Lobby. Pick up tickets for events and a complete schedule with locations and any additional events. Information about local religious services also will be provided.

8:00 p.m. Theater Performance
A Month in the Country
A funny, fresh, energized retelling of the risks we take to have newness and love in our lives by renowned Irish playwright Brian Friel. His adaptation of Turgenev's classic is true in every way to the people, moods, and emotions of the original play. A compelling, masterful rendering.

8:30 p.m. Midnight Madness Alumni Reception
Start your weekend off right in the Alumni Room of the Paolino Recreation Center as we count down the minutes until opening day of the winter athletics season! This private alumni reception offers you a bird's-eye view of the show, high above the crowds in the gymnasium. Food and beverages will be served.

9:00 p.m. Parent Reception
The Family Association will host a reception prior to the start of Midnight Madness. Come and join other parents for conversation and refreshments.

10:30 p.m. Midnight Madness
The Campus Entertainment Network invites you to join students and alumni for a celebration of the winter athletic teams. This sound and light extravaganza will feature contests and introductions of the winter athletic teams.

Saturday, October 19, 2002

8:00 – 11:00 a.m. Registration & Continental Breakfast
Registration will take place in the Recreation Center Lobby. Pick up tickets for events and a complete schedule with locations and any additional events. Information about local religious services will also be provided.

8:00 – 9:00 a.m. Athletics Presentation
Join Athletics staff for a presentation on the vision for Roger Williams University Athletics and the many exciting changes taking place. This presentation will include a discussion on building Sport Friends and Parent Groups.

8:30 a.m. Men's Basketball Practice and Alumni Game

10:00 a.m. Men's Alumni Soccer Game

10:00 a.m. Men's Alumni Lacrosse Game

10:30 a.m. Women's Basketball Practice and Alumnae Game

10:00 a.m. – Noon Workshops
Choose from the following interactive workshops. Each workshop will be offered at 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Workshops
Co-Operative Education/Internships
Attend this session to learn how the Co-Op/Internship program at Roger Williams can help you or your student be successful in launching their career.

Career Development and Recruitment
Learn the difference in this presentation about Career Development with the University Four-Year Career Action Plan. Also, learn about the new on-campus recruiting and the resume matching programs being offered to current seniors and alumni.

Continuing Your Education
In this competitive marketplace, specialized education can make a difference in a career. If students, alumni, or family members are thinking about obtaining an advanced degree or certificate, come to this panel presentation about the numerous opportunities Roger Williams offers.

Study Abroad
This workshop will describe current programs and discuss those that are in the planning stages. Students, parents of current students and other interested participants in the weekend's festivities are encouraged to attend.

The First 100 Days
Presented by the Director of the Counseling Center, this workshop explores the various psychological, social, and intellectual changes that take place during the first semester of college. It will also address the adjustments for both the parents and students during the first extended visit home.

Service Learning at Roger Williams University
Service is an important part of the University's history, culture, and mission. Find out about our Feinstein Service Learning Program – How does it work? What are the benefits – for our student and the community? What exciting programs are our students engaged in currently?

10:00 a.m. – Noon Student Leader Open House
Learn about student leadership accomplishments from Department of Campus Programs staff.

10:00 a.m. Campus Tour
Meet at the University Library to take a guided tour of campus and learn about exciting changes at Roger Williams.

11:00 a.m. Family Association Meeting

11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Tours of Bristol
Take a guided tour of historic Bristol, RI.

11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Arts, Crafts, & Games (Ages 5-10)

11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. BBQ Lunch
Join alumni, faculty and staff for lunch under the tent on Paolino Field.

Noon Campus Tour
Meet at the University Library to take a guided tour of campus.

Noon – 2:00 p.m. Career Center Family & Alumni Assistance
Need help with your resume? Does a cover letter have you stumped? Do you need some "general" career advice? Look no further. Alumni and family members are welcome to drop into the Career Center to speak with one of our career professionals. Just bring a draft of your document, and we can help you finalize it in no time!

Noon Men's Soccer

1:00 p.m. Theater Performance
A Month in the Country

1:00 – 2:30 p.m. Honors Program Open House
Meet the director and representatives from the Honors Project and Leadership Committees, junior-year service groups, and seniors with research projects. Review the fall calendar of events for the Honors Program and plans for the Rhode Island Collegiate Honors Consortium.

1:30 – 3:30 p.m. Academic Receptions
Meet faculty from across the University and learn more about your student's academic experience at Roger Williams University.

1:30 – 2:30 p.m. Camp College
Have you started thinking about college? Roger Williams University's Office of Undergraduate Admission presents "Camp College." It's never too early to learn about the college search, admissions and decision-making process. Come meet the admissions staff and learn more about the exciting new developments at the University and the college admissions process.

2:00 p.m. Women's Soccer

4:00 p.m. Alumni/Family Weekend
Keynote Address by *Teen* Magazines' President and Publisher Linda Kadiz Platzner
Come to Paolino Recreation Center and hear what's on the minds of our youth today as we hear from a foremost expert on the subject of teens. In her new role as President and Publisher of *Teen* Magazines, Linda Platzner leads and oversees the sales and marketing efforts of the recently enlarged enterprise of Primedia's *Teen* Magazines, including *Seventeen*, *Teen* magazine, the Youth Entertainment Group, and Cover Concepts. Before assuming this position, she had significant success in leading *Seventeen*, *Teen*, and *Modern Bride*. We welcome President Platzner, who just recently became a member of Roger Williams University's President's Advisory Council.

6:00 p.m. Alumni Clam Boil on Bristol Harbor
Meet us at the new Bristol Harbor Inn down on Thames Street for a traditional New England Clam Boil. Take in the view from the private deck on the water, as you meet up with old classmates and reminisce about your years at RWU and enjoy a casual evening at Bristol's newest hot spot! Great food, a DJ, raffle prizes and much more! The Classes of 1977, 1992, and 1997 will celebrate their 25th, 10th, and 5th reunions. Don't miss out!

6:00 p.m. Families — Dinner on Your Own

6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Sibling Dinner & Activities
The Inter Residence Hall Association invites students to bring their younger siblings to dinner at the RCC and stay for fun activities.

8:00 p.m. Theater Performance
A Month in the Country

8:30 p.m. 80's Rock – Music in the Video Age
Barry Drake, rock music historian, will take you on an exciting trip through rock music's fourth decade in a multimedia presentation.

Sunday, October 20, 2002

10:00 a.m. Women's Volleyball Alumni Game

11:00 a.m. President's Brunch
Hosted by President Roy J. Nirschel, Ph.D.

Noon Alumni Golf Outing
Attention golfers! Enjoy a round of golf on a fall afternoon at Green Valley Country Club in Portsmouth. The Alumni Office has reserved six foursomes between noon and 1:00 p.m. First come, first-served. Greens fees are \$55pp and include 18 holes and a cart. Sign up today! (Singles/doubles welcome. If possible, we will match you up with other alumni to complete your foursome.)

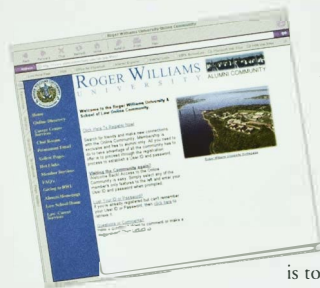
1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Sailing Mt. Hope Bay
Weather permitting

1:00 p.m. Women's Volleyball
3:00 p.m. Women's Volleyball
5:00 p.m. Women's Volleyball

Alumni Pricing
Friday — \$10pp
Saturday
Morning and afternoon activities — \$20pp
Clam boil (Including unlimited lobster, beer, wine and soda) — \$40pp
Sunday — \$12pp
The Golf Outing is an additional \$55pp. Theater tickets are an additional \$5pp and must be purchased in advance. Children under 6 years of age are free, and children 6-12 are half price.
Visit www.rwu.edu or call (401) 254- 3597 for further details or to register.

Registration deadline is October 9, 2002.

Find out what's new on the RWU Alumni Online Community!



Have you visited the Roger Williams University Alumni Association's Online Community recently? If not, do it today and check out all of the new features we have added! It's getting bigger and better everyday and, with your participation, it will improve even more!

This FREE service is made available to you exclusively as RWU alumni to help build alumni connections, communications, and an exchange of information. See what over 1,200 alumni already know – that one of the best ways to continue a lifelong relationship with RWU alumni is to be part of the Alumni Online Community.

Register today from our website at www.rwu.edu/alumni. All you need is a personal ID code to access the community for the first time. You will find your code above your name on the mailing label of this issue.

Also, add your preferred e-mail address to your record and you will automatically be included in our E-Club, where you will be the first to receive alumni event invitations, news, and events. Coming soon is also an alumni newsletter. Add your e-mail today and be the first to hear what's new at RWU!

With Alumni & Family Weekend right around the corner, this is a great way to locate lost friends and get back in touch with them! Look them up and plan to meet at Alumni & Family Weekend!

Latest Improvements:

- ONLINE DIRECTORY** – with regularly updated data on over 14,000 RWU alumni. The "Advanced Search" tool allows you to search by many criteria such as class, geographic area, sport/club, employment information, etc. Bookmark your favorite people with the "My Contacts" option. And, of course, you can "Update Your Own Directory Listing" with your current address, e-mail, employment and family info. If you have moved or changed jobs, you can update your record, and it's sent to us instantly! This is not only a great way to find old friends or classmates, but it serves as a great networking tool as well.
- PERMANENT E-MAIL FORWARDING SERVICE** – allows you to use one e-mail address (in the form of username@alumni.rwu.edu) regardless of how many times you change your ISP or actual e-mail account. New features include e-mail distribution, consolidation, anti-spam, auto-responders and more. It is free, convenient, and helps promote RWU. Show that you are a proud RWU alumnus/a and take advantage of permanent e-mail today!
- CAREER CENTER SERVICES** – where you can post your resume, look for a job, offer a job, find a mentor, become a mentor, and more. Click on links to job sites and even to available jobs right here at your alma mater. It's all there!
- YELLOW PAGES** – where you can promote your company or service. If you have a company or service you wish to promote, simply fill out the form, and it is available for other alumni to view when they are searching for a travel agent or contractor, etc. This is free advertising, so take advantage!
- CHAT ROOMS** – where you can meet all your friends and catch up on old times. Now that you located all your friends via the Online Directory, you need a place to talk! Enter the free chat room and reminisce about your years at RWU.

Remember, the Alumni Online Community is a secure, password-protected site available only to Roger Williams University alumni. JOIN TODAY!

CLASS notes

'72 Ron Tippe, B.A., theatre, is the co-CEO/president of WOOF! Entertainment. He is currently executive producer on a project called "Flies Across America," which will be held on Flag Day, June 14, 2003. This will be a national event to promote patriotic education.

'73 Anthony Lato, Jr., B.A., art, has recently become the chief inspector for all boxing inspectors in the state of Nevada. Anthony is also an assistant principal at Thurston White Middle School.

'82 Lynne (Baldwin) Doucette, B.A., psychology, is currently working as a human service coordinator for the Massachusetts Department of Mental Retardation. She lives with her husband and her son, who is attending Friends Academy in Dartmouth, Mass.

'83 Todd Reiss, B.A., career writing, has been working for the American Institute of Physics for 20 years as a freelance editor. Todd enjoys spending time with his daughter.

'84 Susan Sarinini, B.A., paralegal studies, has recently joined Plymouth Savings Bank as vice president and trust officer in the Wealth and Asset Management Group. Susan is a graduate of the American Bankers' Association Trust and Graduate Trust Schools. She currently resides in Lakeville, Mass., with her husband.

'91 Joseph Hart, B.S., administration of justice, has been promoted from lieutenant to patrol commander for the operations division of the North Kingstown Police Department. He currently resides in Kingstown, R.I. with his wife, Barbara, and children, Abbie and Kyle.

William Mecca, Jr., B.A., psychology, was recently accepted into the Doctorate in Education Leadership Program at Southern Connecticut University.

'98 Geri Philpott, B.A., psychology, received her master's degree in environmental studies from Antioch New England Graduate School. After traveling to many countries, such as Ecuador and the Galapagos Islands, Geri is now working at the

Smithsonian Institute coordinating training programs for biologists around the world.

'00 Richard K. O'Brien, B.S., social and health services, is currently working as a residential direct care counselor at the West Bay Residential Services, Inc., Mass.

Marriages

'89 Trisha Ann Reik, B.S., business administration, to Ronald W. Oliver, Jr., on September 29, 2001 in Middletown.

'91 Jeffrey M. Larence, B.S., construction management, to Marsha P. Johnson, on September 8, 2001. Following a reception at the Officers Club in Newport, R.I., the couple took wedding trip to Walt Disney World. Jeffrey is an architectural and engineering specification manager for CVS Corporation of Woonsocket, R.I. The couple now resides in Smithfield, R.I.

'92 Justine Hoffman, B.S., marine biology, to Daniel Reynolds on April 28, 2002. Justine earned her master's of science degree from Oregon State University. She is a quality assurance specialist at the corporate headquarters for Costco Wholesale. After a honeymoon in Cancun, Mexico, the couple resides in Seattle, Wash.

Aaron J. Oviros, B.S., engineering, to Jennifer J. Kerr on August 4, 2001. Aaron is a civil engineer at Robert Sutherland's. After a two-week honeymoon in Maui and Oahu, the couple resides in Cumberland Head, N.Y.

'93 Jason Gorham, B.S., administration of justice, to Jamie Annunziata on February 23, 2002. Jason is employed by Impact Technical Services. The couple now resides in Lake Worth, Fla.

Michelle A. Maher, B.A., communications, to Robert Merwin on February 17, 2002. Michelle operates Practical Planning Services, LLC. After a honeymoon in Jamaica, the couple resides in Bristol, R.I.

Heather Shea, B.A., communications, to Jason King on February 2, 2002. Heather is a sales consultant for Novartis Pharmaceutical. After a honeymoon in the Western Caribbean, the couple lives in Newport, R.I.

'94 Kevin Thibodeau, B.S., business administration, to Kelly J. Dionne. Kevin is employed by the United States Postal Service. After a honeymoon in Aruba, the couple lives in Salem, Mass.

Rachel Elman, B.A., psychology, to Matt O'Shea on July 28, 2002. Rachel is employed by Lynch Elementary School as a special education teacher. They visited London, Paris, and Nice on their honeymoon and make their home in Winchester, Mass.

'95 Jennifer Stanley, B.S., marketing, to Michael Case on May 27, 2001. Jennifer is an associate marketing manager for Dole Food Company. The couple enjoyed a honeymoon in Aruba, before making their home in Monterey, Calif.

'97 Deborah Besette, B.S., administration of justice, to Robert McSherry on March 30, 2002. Deborah is a police officer in Portsmouth, R.I. The couple now resides in Newport, R.I.

Michelle Hoeffler, B.Arch., to Chris Tuck. '97. B.Arch., in 2001. Chris and Michelle both work as architect interns at Snider Architects in Lincoln.

Births

'85 Sean Mackled Donovan, on April 14, 2001 to Anne (Whitney) Donovan, B.S., business administration, and husband, Greg. Sean joins four-year-old brother, Gregory.

'88 Olivia Rachel Dennis and Alyssa Brook Dennis to Gary Dennis, B.S., marketing, and his wife, Cara. Their older brother, Zachary, welcomed them.

ogey, Tricia Cappola, '97. B.Arch.; Jeff Wyszynski, '97. B.Arch.; Sara Sarkisian, '97. B.Arch.; Kimberly (Berger) Johnston, '97. B.Arch.; and Bob Lang, '97. B.Arch. The couple now resides in Providence, R.I.

'98 Christopher Mulvey, B.Arch., to Lisa Bowolick, '90, B.S., biology, on April 27, 2002. Lisa is a science teacher at Newton Country Day School. Christopher is an architect at Moshe Sadié and Associates. They traveled throughout Italy, London, Ireland, and Scotland before making their home in Boston, Mass.

Lindsay Golladay, B.S., historic preservation, to Darren Hart, '98, B.Arch., architecture, on September 28, 2002. Lindsay is a preservation technician for Heritage Restoration, and Darren is a junior designer at Andreozzi Architects. The couple honeymooned in the Bahamas.

'99 Amanda Schoemehl-Wallmer, B.A., psychology, to Kenneth Hartsell, II, on May 24, 2002. The couple were married in Cold Spring, Mich., and resides in St. Louis, Mo.

Deaths

'85 Mya Elizabeth, on April 21, 2002 to Melissa (LiPuma) Yasso, B.A., psychology, and her husband, James. Mya is the couple's first child.

'93 Elias Joseph, on September 27, 2001 to Christine (Rudolph) Terranova, B.Arch., architecture, and her husband, Mark. Elias is the couple's first child.

'94 Theodore Michael Hilton on January 27, 2002 to Stephanie (Grasso) Hilton, B.S., social science, and her husband, Greg. Theodore joins his older brother Bryan 2 1/2. The Hiltons reside in Chestnut Hill, Mass.

'90 Andrew James, on February 23, 2002 to Andrea (Caissie) Guelli, B.S., administration of justice. His two older sisters, Abby, 4, and Carly, 2 1/2, welcomed Andrew.

Liam Christian, on July 16, 2002 to Cathy (Materazzo) Drury, B.S., business administration, and her husband, Todd Drury, B.A., art. Liam joins his older brother, Jake. The Drury's will be moving in September to their home that they have built in Redding, Conn.

'91 Jemma Leigh Adams, on January 27, 2002 to Priscilla (Chirtel) Adams, B.A., history, and her husband, Jeremy. Jemma is the couple's first child.

Arianna Lynn, on April 12, 2002 to Donna (Napoli) Velasco, B.A., psychology, and her husband, David. Arianna joins her sister, Alicia, 3. Donna will be taking the next few years off from her job as a social worker to stay at home with her girls.

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Michelle Hoeffler and Chris Tuck with RWU alumni at their wedding. See Marriages '97 above.

'97 Quinn Aryiah on July 10, 2002 to Weston Sommers, B.S., psychology, and his wife, Tara. Quinn is the couple's first child.

Deaths

'65 Eve Medoff Goldberg, A.A., liberal arts, died April 10, 2002 at the age of 103. Mrs. Medoff Goldberg also graduated from The University of Rhode Island with a bachelor's degree in 1969. After receiving her bachelor's, she served as a substitute teacher for the Pawtucket School System, a researcher at Bradley Hospital, and worked at Meeting Street School for four years. She worked at the State Department of Elderly Affairs from 1978-1988 and created the gerontology library that is now used statewide. Upon her retirement, she volunteered to be in charge of the library at the former Jewish Home for the Elderly of Rhode Island. Active for many years in various religious and civic organizations, she was presented with a key to the city by Mayor Vincent A. Cianci, Jr., on her 100th birthday. Since then, she has received many proclamations from both the Mayor and Governor Lincoln Almond. She is survived by two daughters, Adele G. Espo of West Palm Beach, Fla., and Sybil

G. Shapiro of Reno, Nev.; six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

'75 Lt. Charles A. Mallett, B.S., accounting, died February 21, 2002 at home. He was the husband of Catherine M. Crowley Mallett. Lt. Mallett served in the Navy for 22 years before retiring in 1971. He was a veteran of both the Korean and Vietnam Wars and received both the Bronze Star and the Navy Commendation Medal. In addition to his wife, a son, Christopher E. Mallett; a daughter, Mary E. Mallett; a sister, Elsie Ryan; and a granddaughter survive him.

'75 Dorothy Maria (Rodrigues) Soares, B.A., psychology, died on February 24, 2002. Mrs. Soares was employed by the Providence School Department in reader education, teaching English and computer skills to Hmong and Cambodian immigrants. She also worked as a domestic worker and as a welder during World War II. She is survived by a son, Arthur J. Soares, known as Arthur Spencer of Line 105, and a daughter, Silvia Ann Soares, with whom she lived.

'85 William J. Mack, B.S., business administration, died on March 17, 2002. He was the son of the late John and Theresa

Mack. Mr. Mack worked for the former Putnam Financial and the former Liberty Financial, now Fleet Financial, as well as being a computer analyst for many years. He was an active supporter of the Potter League for Animals, as well as a member of the Newport Dog Training School, the Colonial Bassett Hound Rescue League, and the Fort Adams Trust. He leaves a sister, Maria H. Mack, of Wakefield, R.I.

'99 Andrew Monastess, B.S., administration of justice, died April 25, 2002. He was the son of Diane (Whalley) Monastess and the late Roy D. Monastess. After graduation, Andrew worked with the Nantucket Police Department for one summer and then went to work for Stop & Shop in the Loss Prevention Department. Last year, he accepted a position with the Aurora Police Department in Colorado. Besides his mother, he leaves a brother, Michael Wilson; maternal grandparents Raymond and Honey Whalley; paternal grandmother, Marie Greelish; aunt and uncle, Judy and Raymond Whalley; and the Padonous Family. He is the grandson of the late Raymond Whalley.

ALUMNI,
WE NEED YOU!

Here is your chance to get involved with Roger Williams University. Become an active member of the Roger Williams University Alumni Association and tell us what you want!

Share your time and talent with us in the following ways:

- Become part of your local alumni chapter.
- Join your chapter's steering committee and assist with the planning of the next alumni event in your area.
- Apply to become a member of the Alumni Association Board of Directors.
- Be a class agent for Alumni Weekend and get your classmates back to campus.
- Speak on a career day panel and share your Roger Williams and professional experiences.
- Represent the University at your local high school fair.
- Represent your company as part of our on-campus recruiting program.
- Become a mentor to a student.
- Allow a student to shadow you for a day in your profession.

If you are interested in pursuing any of these volunteer opportunities, please e-mail Robin Erickson, Acting Director of Alumni Relations, at rerickson@rwu.edu, and you will be put in contact with the appropriate department.

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June 30, 2002
COMMENTARY

Make Rhode Island the Education State

BY PRESIDENT ROY J. NIRSCHEL, Ph.D.

Over the past several weeks, thousands of students graduated from more than a dozen colleges, universities and institutes all in the same place...Rhode Island.

Commencement 2002 served as a powerful local reminder that this, the Ocean State, should lay claim to another title: the Education State. And why not?

Our neighbors an hour to the north claim Greater Boston as the "Athens of America." Why? They do so because of a cluster of institutions of higher education in an area about the size of Rhode Island. Perhaps they have done a better job of marketing or selling themselves, but Rhode Island can duly lay claim to the mantle of the Education State.

Collectively, we have outstanding colleges and universities, great and small, from niche business and technology schools to graduate degree-granting universities, public and private. We offer undergraduate education, professional degrees in medicine and the law, and life-long learning for the non-traditional student. We offer an environment rich in oceanfront beauty, with a vibrant capital city, rural and suburban landscapes and more student parking than you will ever find in Chestnut Hill, Cambridge or the Back Bay.

Still, the marketing of Rhode Island as the Education State is more than just sloganeering. It will require a new approach by leaders of the colleges and universities in Rhode Island on several levels.

During the recent meeting of the Rhode Island Board of Governors for Higher Education, a historic first-ever town meeting involving the presidents of all of the institutions of higher education in the state, I took advantage of my newness here to issue a call for collaboration and cooperation among all the participating schools to make the Education State concept a reality.

Collaborations have worked well in Western Massachusetts with the five-college consortium and in Boston with the colleges of the Fenway. The effort doesn't weaken any of the participating colleges. In fact, all are strengthened by cross-registration, shared facilities, and cooperative buying agreements. The net winner is the student.

Does each of our colleges in Rhode Island need to start its own graduate programs, hire its own new professors, and build its own

costly science laboratories, or are there opportunities to share programs, faculty and facilities through joint-degree programs and time-sharing of people and resources? I can offer some additional examples worth exploring.

Brown University has an outstanding medical school. Many other Rhode Island colleges and universities have strong pre-med programs in the sciences. Perhaps Brown can reserve a number of slots for the best and brightest Rhode Island students to stay in state and pursue their medical education at home.

Roger Williams University has the only school of law in the state. Other institutions have strong pre-law programs. Perhaps we can develop tailored programs and articulation agreements to allow the best and brightest pre-law undergraduates to pursue their legal degree in Rhode Island.

Already some of these collaborations exist, but only at the margins. Still, the signs are promising and the potential even more so. RISD and Bryant College collaborate on the business of design. The University of Rhode Island and the Roger Williams University Ralph R. Papitto School of Law offer a joint Master of Marine Affairs degree and recently joined with Rhode Island Sea Grant and the Coastal Resources Management Council to administer a \$1.5 million aquaculture grant. Under the leadership of Bob Weygand, the New England Board of Higher Education is eager to develop the seamless transfer of credits among the public and private colleges within Rhode Island. The future looks promising.

Higher Education is at another crossroads. Shifting student demographics, a fluctuating economy and ever-present societal factors continue to exert influence on decision-making. The nuances of contrasting public and private institutions now matter less than the issues of access, quality and service, delivered in a cost-effective manner. Through collaboration and cooperation from all institutions of higher learning in Rhode Island, we can help provide greater access to higher education, enhance the quality of the learning experience to students and serve both them and the state at less cost and redundancy.

In such a way, we can fulfill our seemingly inherent mandate to become the Education State.

We've told you all the Roger Williams University news. Now, we'd like to know about you. Please take a moment to fill out this form and return it to the address below, or e-mail us at alumni@rwu.edu

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